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"Being Born Again."
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Dec. 10 Universal Bible Sunday Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Dec. 24 Christmas Sunday Dec. 31 Watch Night

Keep a Spirit Filled Program Before You.

POLIO HITS THE CHURCH

Prayers for Courage Needed.

Most church programs in the Interior have been hampered by the polio epidemic. Little Rose Baker of the First Church in Anchorage was reported ill. The programs of Church Schools have been restricted. We pray for recovery to the stricken and hope that programs may be resumed in the near future.

CYRUS PECK HEADS PETERSBURG CAMPAIGN

With \$1,000 in hard earned cash in the Petersburg treasury, Cyrus Peck will try to raise in Alaska an additional \$2,000 to \$3,000. Mr. Peck was recently appointed to this task by Moderator Paul Prouty. The plans are being completed and there is a possibility of work starting this fall. Petersburg is meeting in the Legion Hall. This congregation is without a building.

Randolph McCluggage to Head Junior Program for Presbytery of Alaska.

A new assignment was given to Randolph McCluggage, new pastor of Chapel-by-the-Lake, Auke Bay. The Presbytery has asked "Mac" to develop Junior Clubs and Junior Camping.

This program has grown in Yukon. A "Trailblazers" Club has recently been organized at Faith Presbyterian under Fred Telecky. Two camps were held in the north this year at King's Lake, Directed by Hackett Johnson and one Fairbanks under Fred Koschmann. Alaska Presbytery had its first Junior camp at Rainbow Glacier directed by John Dodge of Skagway.

Radio Industry Hears from Board!

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, backed by complete Board approval, is calling upon the radio industry to call off hard liquor advertising in Alaska. Letters have gone to CBS, FCC, Senators and the Alaska Broadcasting System. Have your people write to Wm. Wagner, Securities Building, Seattle, and Hon. Wayne Coy, Chairman F.C.C., New Post Office Building, Wash. 25, D.C.

UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY - Dec. 10.

In a Bible reading campaign on St. Lawrence Island, the people of Gambell read the Bible through 23 times. This was done by 145 of the people who could read. This report was made by Rev. Elmer Parker at the Workers Conference held at Sitka.

This reading was done while these Christian Eskimo friends faced opposition. There is a great opportunity in Universal Bible Sunday to point to the value of the Word. Be sure to lead the folk in the reading campaign between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There May Have Been an Angel at the Door of the Jail, But...?

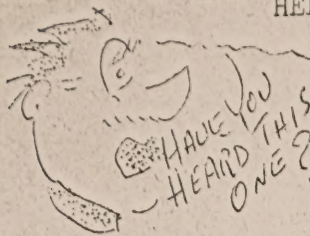
After a severe fight two boys were brought to Dr. R. Sutherland, Presbyterian Elder, in summer service with the Willis Shank at Klawock. Doctor Bob dealt with one boy as he worked on him. He told the boy of the Saviour. The boy was placed in the local jail. That night the unattended jail burned to the ground.

Did the boy give his heart to God that night? Through the flaming village jail did that soul see the Angel of Light unloosing the bars of sin? Did he face the greater freedom of eternal life? There may have been an Angel at the door of the jail, but only God will be able to tell us.

Rev. Ross Cleeland preached the committal service. He spoke right out of the Word. Following the service he was threatened by two drunks who objected to the service.

Isolation is one type of sacrifice, but indifference also can kill missionaries. These are days of testing. These are times when we must face our people with the facts of eternal life. Pray for power. The word does not return void.

HELPING OUT ED & MED.



When an archer misses the mark he turns and looks for the fault within himself. Failure to hit the bulls-eye is never the

fault of the target. To improve your aim, improve yourselves. -Selected.

Asked one day whether his wife, Mary Todd, came from a good family, Abraham Lincoln replied: "The very best. Why, the Todds spell their name with two d's; one was good enough for God."

Genial General Manager to new office boy: "Well, my lad, how are you getting on? Do you think you will like the business?"

Boy: "Oh yes, sir, thank you."

Manager: "Well, don't forget the chief qualities we need in this office are brains and energy."

Boy: "Yes, sir; I have only been here two weeks, but I have found that out."

NOTES from the FIELD

Jim Mulholland reports that the church and Manse are to have asbestos shingles. Reports indicate First Church Anchorage has \$45,000 in three year pledges toward the new Sanctuary - Congratulations!... Ross Cleeland is assembling the KD for recreation and Presbytery. ...Elmer Parker reports the stained glass windows are in Hyaburg for the new church... Sam Lee is checked out on wheels and floats for the Arctic Messenger... Tok Chapel needs front and back doors according to Bert Bingle. Leave them off and call it "The Open Door." Norrthern Light was host to about 40 Teen Agers of WF recently. Willis & Isabelle Booth are leading out in WF. The Auk Bay YP are right in there too... Fern Gabel did an excellent job in the Craft Dining room aided by Halgerson, Riley & Demmert as waiters from SJJC... Mable Downer SJJC Craft Teacher is being given a course in bead work. Lapel pins with totems should be very attractive... Haines House has a new pup named "Boots." We recommend you write "Canine Care" Haines if you have dog problems... \$25 from Oak Park will buy Revised Versions of the NT for Elwood Hunter & Nancy McFarland's work at the TB San at Edgcombe.

VALLEY HOSPITAL HAS NEW MANAGER

Welcome to Mrs. Gladys Burrell

According to the Valley Frontiersman of Sept. 29th, Mrs. Gladys Burrell and \$3,000 "solid cash" were the tangible assets displayed as evidence of help given the local institution since its alliance with the Presbyterian BNM.

The new nurse administrator completed post-graduate work in the Out-Patient Dept. of the City Hospital in St. Louis. She has special training in obstetrics and pediatrics.

Some 90 agencies of nursing and medical units have been canvassed by the Board for recruits. A lab technician is the only position open at present.

Rev. Victor Alfsen has commented highly on Mrs. Burrell in her attendance at prayer services, etc. Mr. Alfsen as pastor of the United Protestant Church is a member of the Hospital Board and the Chaplain of the Hospital.

Pinafore to Sail

Plans are being completed for Pinafore to sail to Angoon on Dec. 2 on the PH. The ship will act as dorm for cast and stage hands. Wm Bullick, Assistant Eng. at SJJC is manager and producer.

Sermons on Wire Head North

Soon the village of Gambell may hear the regular broadcast of Sitka's Pres. Church on wire. Mr. & Mrs. G. Prescott will record sermons from the KALA program and send them to Clarence Irrigoo, lay worker at Gambell. Some army men have a recorder and will let the Eskimo brethren use it.

King's Business

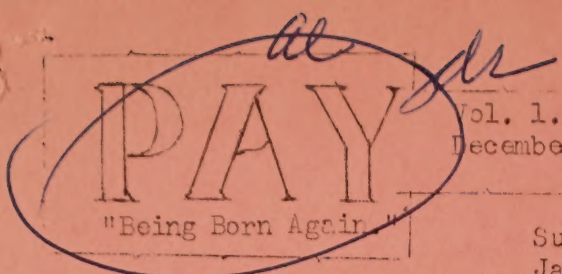
During this last month blanks for salaries, maintenance and officers were mailed to churches. These routine matters are important to the functioning of the King's business.

Remember - 1951 acceptance of salary allocations are to be at 156 by Nov. 1.

University Work Advances

If you have students at the University of Alaska, give their names to Mr. Charles Richey, College, Alaska, newly appointed intern for this work. If you have young people out at school drop them a note of encouragement. This is a nudge!

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January Dates to Remember

Sunday - Jan. 7. New Life Sunday.
Jan. 7-13 Universal Week of Prayer
Sunday - Jan. 14. Seminary Sunday.
Sunday - Jan 28. Westminster Fellowship
Day for Presbyterian Youth.

SJJC NEWS!

STEPS TOWARD ACCREDITATION OF SHELDON JACKSON JUNIOR COLLEGE UNDER WAY.

Recently Dr. G. H. Van de Bogart, Pres. of Northern Montana Jr. College, was a guest of SJJC. His main purpose was to advise the Administration and the Board of National Missions on procedure to bring the Jr. College to full accreditation.

In a conference with Leslie Yaw, Harry Brant and the Field Representative, Pres. Van de Bogart declared, that our school is unique in its place in Alaska and need not fear "competition." He stated that as Presbyterians we are "giving the students a fine quality of education based on Christian principles."

Speaking of the staff relation to college work, Dr. Van de Bogart said, "In general there is good teaching if they can be put into quarters for good education in Junior College work."

A written report of this visit to the campus will be given to Miss Katharine Gladfelterm Secretary of Ed & Med., in charge of SJJC, and to the committee on accreditation of the Northwest Association of Colleges.

The stress in the entire conference was upon more and superior facilities in all departments. This is a concern of every Alaskan.

Notes from Savoonga - Eleanor Ruppert.

"Some men found a dead whale some distance from the village. The next day about six skin boats went out to bring it back. It was about two weeks since it had been killed, having been shot by some of the Gambell men. Some of the meat was good yet the rest was fine for dog food and for fox hatching."

Services are broadcast over a loud speaker system and people confined to their homes with TB can now hear the singing & worship.

Isaac Alawa has a brain tumor. He has been sent to Tacoma. Pray for him!

Christmas Greetings to Akootchook

Thirty people will gather around in Barter Island at the home of Andrew Akootchook for Christmas - and Church. The village has no chapel building so Andrew gathers everyone together at his fireside.

Recently Andrew was extended the honor of possible ordination by the Presbytery of Yukon. After some study and reading, members will glide down on the little community and bring the highest honor of the church to this loyal Eskimo lay-worker.

Everyone in Andrew's church is a member of the Sunday School and receives regular instruction. Prayer services average 26.

As a special feature of PAY this month we request that a letter or Christmas greeting be addressed to:

Mr. Andrew Akootchook
APC #731
c/o Post Master, Seattle, Wash.
Barter Island.

Trust in the Lord."

Vera Kingeekuk, ill for three years with TB, recently dedicated her own gift to the new Savoonga church. It was a white seal skin, beautifully embroidered with the message -

"Trust in the Lord"

Palmer Hospital News -

Among the arrivals on Nov. 12th was Karen Liv Alfson, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Victor Alfson. Score:- 8 lbs, 3 oz.

Request for "Fire Upon the Earth."

The dramatic new film on Protestant faith, Fire Upon the Earth, produced by our Bd. of C.E., has been requested in a letter from Willis Booth. Every effort will be put forth to add this to the film circuit. Most films will soon complete the southern run and will be transferred to Yukon.

Christian stewardship starts with the leaders. Do you tithe? If not - pray about it.



Out of the Christmas Bag

some humor to help
Ed. & Med.

SEASONS
GREETINGS

Some people can't do their Christmas shopping early because they don't know who their friends will be by holiday time.

De-Fun-Itions

(When you see us don't ask to have these explained)

Formal Complaint: Dressed beef.

Net profit: Fish.

Crack of dawn: "Good Morning."

Sentence structure: Jail.

A man's intellect is judged by his ability to disagree without being disagreeable.

Field Representative Leaves for East

In the capacity of Chairman for the Alaskan Commission on Children & Youth, Mr. Armstrong will visit Washington Dec. 2-7 to attend the White Conference.

Later the FR will have meetings in NY and return home about Dec. 19th.

Reports mailed to the FR office will be forwarded to Dr. Jackman. Repair estimates are now over due. Reports on Aid to Field and Officers are to be in Juneau following the January congregational meeting.

Skagway Steps Out with Canvass

Congratulations to the Elders, Trustee, and Pastor at Skagway for an aggressive Every-Member Canvass. They are using Un-ited Promotion material and have shown Second Chance and Now I See.

In a letter signed by E.A. Larson, Ch. of Trustees, he states, "Believing as we do that liberty and security must be maintained and extended and that Christ's of love and good will is a potent force toward that end, we have an individual responsibility to help carry His word."

The church is having a dedication Sunday known as "Church Loyalty Sunday." Pledges, the letter adds, will be dedicated to Christ and His work.

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Yes, each accomplished service of the day paves for the feet of God a lordlier way. Edwin Markham.
I was not told to win or lose - my orders are to fight. Ethelwyn Wetherald.

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Charles Ritchie Flies into Matrimony

After telephone conversations and conferences it was felt that Charles should have his fiancée with him at College. The young lady who is now a student at the Princeton School of CE watched the air ways for Churk to drop out of the skies and start back for the north.

This was an exciting time for these young people who will finish at seminary next year and then return to the Territory.

We congratulate these young people and wish them God's rich blessing.

FOUNDATIONS LAID FOR GOD'S WORK

Woodland Park Church in Spenard reports that the footings and some work has been done in preparation for the new building in the spring.

News makes us believe that the roof timbers are about ready to go up at Barrow. We would all be glad to help Sam and Byrdine if they provide transportation. Byrdine has a birthday on the 12th of Dec.

First Church, Anchorage reports that the old manse on 5th is moved and excavations are under way. The church will go up next year. Latest estimate is \$90,000.

Presbytery committee of Yukon has authorized application for a sizable loan for a new church at Mountain View. The \$1,000 down payment on the lot was made by Dorothy Walworth Crowell, a top writer for Reader's Digest.

Ketchikan has raised some money toward new shingles for the exterior of their building. Paul Prouty is encouraged by new life in this sector.

Reports are coming in of additions to the church by letter, reaffirmation and - bes of all - on profession.

Metlakatla Votes Reorganization Plan

Recently the Elders endorsed a plan of enlarging the work of the official boards of the church. To date Elders and Deacons have carried all of the work of this growing congregation. A Board of Trustees will be organized in January.

This year, Jim Mulholland reports, the congregation has voted to accept an additional \$500 toward self-support. Will Metlakatla be our 5th self-supporting congregation?

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MISSION STATIONS TO REPORT ON CHRISTMAS BOXES AND NEEDS FOR 1951

To guide the Christmas giving for 1951 it is important that your reports get back to Miss Jane Gillespie.

Have you ever thought of Miss Gillespie's responsibility? A church interested in developing a strong mission mindedness writes her office. To aid them in personalizing their zeal she assigns a missionary to the church. From letters, pictures, etc. you enter the picture as the sponsored missionary. In many cases our missionaries are printed as part of the church staff of the stateside church.

Our task in Alaska is to cultivate the interest of the church - not for our own needs, but the Kingdom. To be sure, the church will enter into your family, and a by-product of your relationship is some personal needs being cared for.

When you write your thank you notes this year add some local color. Send a copy of your letter to the Juneau office if you want it mimeographed. The Board has placed a machine here for your aid.

If you do not have a list of churches responsible for your station, write us here or Miss Gillespie, 156 NYC.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN REPORTS *

Rev. Fred Telecky shows some real activity within his small but active church. Note some of the work going on as part of reaching age groups: Catechism Class, Young People's Choir, Boy Scouts, Jr. Hi Westminster Fellowship, Trailblazers (Junior Club), Ladies Aid, Adult Choir, Faith Fellowship and Session. Fred has at the present time 36 members and 80 enrolled in Sunday School.

Have you tried having Bible Clubs for Junior age boys and girls. If you are interested in procedure write in for an outline of work and program. Try having a night a week for Teen Ageds. Ross Cleeland leads a group in gym stunts - then refreshments and worship.

ARTICLE ON VERN SWANSON

The January "Alaska Sportsman" has a fine writeup on the tragic death of Rev. V. Swanson. It is worth reading & keeping.

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Feb. 6-12 Boy Scout Week.
Feb. 7 Ask Wednesday. Lent Begins.
Feb. 9 World Day of Prayer.
Gifts help Church work at Mt. Edgecombe Over 36% our responsibility.
Feb. 25 Men's Day in the Church

Plan
to
Make
Lent
Time
of
Advance

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANS

Summer plans can be made now. It is a good time to plan for that Vacation Bible School. Get the teachers lined up. If you are to have a team from the National Board, collect the basic expense money at once.

From your experience last summer you will have suggestions for the 1951 goals of Vacation Bible School. Send your suggestions to Box 2539 Juneau and to the Chairman of Christian Ed.

Suggested dates for schools in south-east Alaska are as follows:

June 11-15 - Transportation & Orientation period.

June 16-29 First Schools

June 30 July 13 Second Schools

July 14-27 Third Schools

July 28, August 10 Fourth Schools

August 11-13 Round Up.

A work caravan will be selected for Haines Rainbow Glacier Camp. If you have mature young people who would be interested in joining this work & study group - address requests for admission to Isabelle Miller, Haines House.

TO THE HEART OF THE ISSUE!

The Alaska Native Sisterhood has elected one of our fine Christian leaders as President. Mrs. Mildred Sparks in her first letter to the camps has stated:

"Alcohol is our biggest enemy. We are fortunate that this organization (Alaska Native Sisterhood) is based on the Lord Jesus Christ..." "Let us not disgrace this honored organization by using liquor."

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FRONT HERE AND THERE
CLIPPING DEPARTMENT

"Great minds discuss ideas; normal minds discuss events; small minds discuss persons." Paul Flowers.

Marriage: A committee of two on ways and means. One has her way, the other provides the means. Carcy Williams.

"Yesterday is gone - forget it. Tomorrow will come - don't worry about it. Today is here..DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT."

Negro Girl at Midcentury Conference.

A parish thought that their pastor would be more valuable if he went to Chicago & heard some "big" preachers. When he returned, he reported that the sermons were fine, "But in their prayers they asked God for things I had never heard of."

Bomber over enemy lines. Pilot phoned to gunner in rear that God must be with them. The rear gunner snapped back over the intercom, "God may be up there, but He's not back here." Just then a shell pierced the plane and sliced the gunners clothing, but without injury. The intercom cracked -- "CORRECTION - God just walked in."

Enclosed Resolution on Liquor Important.

Additional copies of the Alaska Native Brotherhood resolution on liquor are available at the FR's office.

This resolution has real merit. It calls for drying up the Territory and then under local option to allow communities to vote in their liquor. Unpoliced areas where liquor enforcement is a myth would stay dry.

Tell your legislators that this will come before them in legal form as a bill. If you hear constructive suggestions to this measure relay such information to us at Juneau. Let it be said that the Presbyterian Church is always ready to back the ANB when they foster good legislation.

Field Trip

Mr. Armstrong leaves for Ketchikan on Jan. 12th; Metlakatla the 14th; Hydaburg on the 15th; Ketchikan the 16th; Wrangell the 17th. Angoon, Kake and Petersburg will be visited on Jan. 20-25 and Hoonah Feb. 3-5th. The Princeton Hall, with Cyrus Peck will cover the last two dates. Mr. Peck will be in charge of music and a new tape recording on stewardship, developed by Walter Soboloff, Cyrus Peck and Herb Harcer.

Is It True?

A sermon on stewardship is more effective if the congregation is aware of the fact that the pastor tithes.

----- DAY ----- JANUARY ----- PAY -----

George Burdick and family arrived in Barrow after a fast trip out of the states. George will help Sam Lee and take over the station until the new missionary arrives. George was ordained as elder by University Church, Seattle, before departure.

Roy Ahmaogak of Wainwright almost lost the mission tractor in the muskeg while working this fall. A new walk has been installed leading to the church - from oil drums sunk in the tundra.

A bright new book for children, explains Haines House. Available from 156.

The Armstrong's visit to Haines for Christmas was a high spot for everyone - including Vic Urban of Whitworth. Mrs. A. is recuperating from an operation.

Isabelle Booth who has been "stateside" for weeks, returns the middle of the month.

Mayrild Swanson of Craig, en route to Seattle for a short visit, found that the liquor licenses for the town had been issued. The drys will try again this spring.

Dr. C.E. Polhemus, Synod Executive of Washington, is visiting San Anselmo this month. Part of the trip will be devoted to recruiting for Alaska.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman will visit San Anselmo this month. During the weeks ahead many conferences are scheduled on Alaska. Brethern - pray for workers!

NEW STUDENT FOR SHELTON JACKSON

To some it is old news - Jim.

To some it may be new news.

To all it is good news!

It was the ninth before Christmas, and all through the hospital, Jim Robinson walked and walked - and walked - what a spectacle. Congratulations Jim and Dorothy on the arrival of Marilyn Ann. And thanks to Nurses Ruth Herron and Mrs. Wm. Bullick. Recent news tells us that Dorothy is making a fast recovery from a serious operation.

Kake Reports In: Andrew Gambel of Kake says money is coming in for the new addition.

Ketchikan Goes to Work: Paul Prouty reports renewed interest. The building repair fund is just a few dollars shy of the \$500 they need.

Metlakatla Choir: The choir packed the Ketchikan church recently. Installation of the officers on the 14th.

Wrangell's Annual Meeting: Paul Evans and the church have produced a most attractive annual report. You should write for one.

Hydaburg Busy: Elmer Parker reports some of the new pews in following the sanding of the new floor. People are rallying.

RESOLUTION No. 47
THE LIQUOR QUESTION..

WHEREAS, the most serious problem affecting the Native people of Alaska is the liquor problem, and

WHEREAS, due to lower educational standards of these Natives their unfamiliarity with the process of government by which they might abolish the liquor traffic in their vicinities under the local option laws of Alaska is patent, and

WHEREAS, the Native settlements are in remote sections of Alaska are often far removed from the usual lanes of travel, and

WHEREAS, in many places virtually all trading posts and supply centers are owner or operated by non-natives and more often than not the liquor agency is conducted by the same operator with the result that very often the only effective means of exchange for the produce of the said Natives is intoxicating liquor, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the great majority of the Natives would abolish the liquor traffic from their areas.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Convention that the Convention request the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska to pass a law making the entire Territory dry except as to those areas which choose under its local option laws to be wet and that all persons desiring to purchase liquor be required to obtain a prior license, that habitual drunkards be refused such licenses and that every person having been convicted of a crime involving intoxication be declared to be an habitual drunkard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all the members of this organization and their friends take into account their support of these principles by all candidates for public office and where all other factors are equal that our membership prefer those candidates who agree to support the principles herein stated. In any event, the executive officers of this organization are herewith directed to urge upon the legislature the enactment of a law embodying these principles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Convention that we urge that the Territory of Alaska take over the wholesale distribution of alcoholic beverages in the areas where the sale of such liquors is allowed.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the fore oing is a full, true and correct copy of the original resolution unanimously adopted by the delegates and officers of the 38th Annual Convention of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood, at Craig, Alaska, on November 17, 1950.

ATTEST:

Al Willard,
Grand Secretary, Alaska Native
Brotherhood.

Harry Douglas, Grand President,
Alaska Native Brotherhood.

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Have You Ever Conducted a Drill?

Before the Lenten Communion ask your Elders to come together for a Drill. Use this opportunity to explain again the power of the Holy Supper, and impress upon the officers the responsibility that is inherent in serving it.

Go through the entire service in this Drill Period.

(1) The approach to the Table. Ask the Elders to sit in the congregation at a spot where there will be as little confusion as possible when they are called forward. Have the Elders march down to the Table together.

(2) The seating arrangement at the Table. Although this procedure varies in many churches it lends dignity to the Supper to have the Minister and his Elders sit together at the Table facing the Congregation. To prepare for this, the minister should assign places at the Table. Include this in the Drill.

(3) The handling of the linen at the Table. Two should be assigned to this important task. In this realistic Drill have two remove the linen, fold it, and put it away. Be sure to have an appropriate place for the linen.

(4) Check the places where the Elders will serve in the Congregation. Too often we suppose that the Elders know these things. Remember that the new Elder deserves your attention. He wants to know his job and where to serve.

(5) Following the serving of the elements have the two chosen for handling the linen replace it. Here again - it is one thing to unfold linen and another to fold it gracefully. Try it and find out.

(6) In discussing the importance of the Communion it is well to mention the Elders attire. Dark clothes, white shirts, conservative ties and general appearance are touchy subjects. A Drill gives the perfect opportunity to iron out the wrinkles in the suit problem.

If a Lodge spends hours perfecting a ritual, how much more time we should spend in planning this service. Let the Sacrament be a glorious experience for the Elders - because they know their job.

Calls for Help!

Streaming across the desk of each Pastor comes calls for help! Every one wants to help with One Great Hour of Sharing. We look at requests to give to Petersburg's new church and the chain saw for Rainbow Camp, and the needs of Mt. View, Anchorage. The important thing is, that instead of filing these cries for help in the waste paper basket, they get to the Session. Be sure to find help for some great cause outside yourselves.

Christianity is others!

Four Teams at Church in One Night?

Walter Soboleff, pastor of Memorial Church, had the surprise of his ministry on Sunday evening, Feb. 18th.

Players from Sheldon Jackson Junior College conducted gospel team work. In the audience were the squads from Klukwan, Metlakatla and Angoon. Ken Smith, SJJC's fine coach and Larry Doig, SJ Engineer, were among the speakers.

The SJ team split forces for the AM services and helped Willis Booth at Northern Light and Walter Soboleff at Memorial.

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PRAYER REQUESTS HAVE BEEN SHOWING UP in reports and letters during the past weeks. It is important that we in the Alaska Mission pray for every need of our fellow workers. Pray for Clara Parker. Clara must go to Denver for more medical treatment. Remember Elmer as he is left behind in a test of his faith. Pray for Vincent Nageak & Herman Rexford of Bafter Island. Vincent is the new chief on the Island and Rexford is in charge of the church work. Andrew Akootchoak providentially had prepared these men for their jobs. Andrew was shot with his own rifle in a fatal accident some weeks ago. Pray for George & Loraine Burdick as they take over the major part of the responsibility at Barrow. Sam Lee left this month for the states. Rev. Roy Ahmagok writes, "I believe wherever there is a community of more than one family there is a need of the ministry. It is easy for one family, isolated in a camp or hunting ground, to live the Christian way of life. But the more people there are in a community the greater the need for ministry." We need to pray for Roy at Wainwright as he ministers to out of the way places and in the villages. Pray that on all of our fields men might see the glorious Saviour and accept his proposal for life - Eternal life - Victorious life - NOW!

GOOD NEWS CAME THIS WEEK TO THE PRINCETON HALL CREW when the case of the Fish and Wildlife vs. Cyrus Peck came to a close. Cyrus had been falsely charged with "illegal fishing" by the Department. Judge Folta handed down a clear bill of health to Cyrus. With a grin on his face Cyrus was saying to folks at Haines on his recent trip, "I'm glad that is over."

PERCY IPALOOK AND WALTER HUNTLEY WERE THE ONLY TWO TO STAND against the passage of the MacKenzie Bill in the Senate of our Legislature. Percy Ipalook, member of Yukon Presbytery, and Walter Huntley, Elder from Palmer, insisted that the bill liberalized liquor in the face of poor enforcement. Thank God for two such men! Keep your people informed on these bills. Others are on the way! If you don't support good legislation and get your people to kill the bad bills - don't complain.

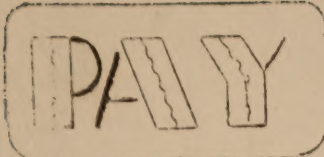
PLANS FOR THE NEW PETERSBURG CHURCH ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE within the next few days. Carl Delott has a real problem in Petersburg. They need financial support for the work in aid to the new building. Word just came to them that Carl must go to the Veteran's Hospital for a complete check-up. This means valuable time off the field for Carl. Pray that the Lord's will may be done. This is a real request. Let's pray this through with Carl and his dear family.

IT'S WEDDING BELLS AND EXCITEMENT FOR THE TOWN OF HAINES on February 26th when Dorothea Frederick, secretary for Haines House and Bob Williams, student pastor at Haines, are married in Haines by Rev. John Dodge of Skagway. Dot & Bob will stay on the field through August. Bob is scheduled to enter Louisville in the fall. The young married couple will honeymoon at Rainbow Glacier Camp.

THE HOONAH CITY BAND MADE A TRIP TO ANGOON some weeks ago. Rev. George Betts and a number of his Elders play in the band. It was good for Angoon to have all of the excitement according to Sam Johnson. The Princeton Hall, the William Booth, the St. Nicholas, and a Hoonah troller took over the upper harbour. Mr. Betts is enthused at the advance in the work at Hoonah. Attendance is picking up at services. The officers are being organized for more effective work. The Sunday School is hitting new highs of 55-60. Angoon is planning a complete redecoration of their church. They too are moving forward.

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Program Planning

February

February 10 - Boy Scout Sunday
February 17 - Day of Prayer for
students. Remember College! SJ!
February 24 - Men's Day in Church
February 27 - Ash Wednesday.
Lenten plans go forward.

SYNOD PLANS FOR ALASKA.... Of 170 Presbyterian ministers in the State of Washington, the Synod Committee on place of meeting has 116 replies with 110 of them affirmative. The date of sailing will be May 28 th from Vancouver. The trip will continue through June 4th. Thirty five reservations are being held open for Alaskan delegates. Rates will be published in the near future. Other information of travel and reservations will be available. You will be kept completely informed.

PUBLIC MEETING IN PALMER..... The Valley Hospital Association called a public meeting to discuss the new hospital for Palmer. Presbyterians were represented by Rev. Harry Gayley, pastor of the United Protestant Church, Rev. Frank Walkup of First Church Anchorage, and Rev. R. R. Armstrong, Field Representative. To date the community has raised nearly \$8,000.00 as their share toward a goal of \$50,000.00. St. Michaels Altar Society of the local Roman Catholic parish was among one of the first contributors. The United Protestant has raised \$378.00 to date.

REV. AND MRS CARL DEMOTT TO SKAGWAY... The people of Skagway recently called Carl Demott to Skagway as a guest speaker. The result was the congregation extending a call to the Demotts to serve. Mr. Demott has been Alaska a number of years. He first served in the armed forces with the Engineers. Later he was accepted into Yukon Presbytery from the Southern Baptist Church. He has served at Cordova and for the last two years at Petersburg.

Notes and News: Roland Wurster has returned from conferences in the Northwest and New York. Plans are announced for Dr. Frank Warren to be Spiritual Emphasis speaker at Sheldon Jackson. Rev. Clayton Shotwell of Ketchikan has been serving at Metlatla and Rev. Paul Evans has taken on the extra assignment of covering Petersburg. They need double prayers for route duty. The Leslie Yaws went through Juneau prior to the first of the year en route to New York. Negotiations are still pending on KALA. Evangelistic Services are planned for Hydaburg. The service will close with a Rally. The first of these rallies was at Craig under Mr. Ed. Davison. Three such gatherings will be held each year in the different villages.

SITKA HOSPITAL.... The attached list of services given by our dispensary at Sitka to the City will show our contribution to public health. Three full time nurses will now help Miss Herron.

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BUDGETS

Have your church pray and pay into the (1)\$12,000,000 building fund. The drive starts February 24th and ends March 2nd. (2) Keep alive interest in world missions through the emergency gifts to THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING * March 23rd. Do as much as you can for others. Our Lord is depending on every sector - populated or isolated - to share in the great problems of the Kingdom.

TWO PRESBYTERIES TO SHARE IN PREACHING MISSION... Dr. George Sweazey of the Department of Evangelism will arrive in Anchorage April 5th, Fairbanks on April 10th to go to Barrow on the 12th. Dr. Sweazey will return to Fairbanks for Presbytery on the 14th; Southeastern stations will be visited including Sitka on April 20th, Wrangell on the 21-25 and Juneau on April 27th. Pray that the Master will use these gatherings to the building of stronger Christians in Alaska's number one problem of prayer.

MOTION PICTURES ON CALL.... "Wonderful Life" and "Fire Upon the Earth" have received enthusiastic reception in the stations of the mission. If you want these films or others at the Juneau office you must write. The films are not circulated on the old rotation system. Why? One air expressed film was missing for three weeks without direct knowledge of its location. Now it is direct to the consumer. Order now.

DR. JACKMAN... Plans are developing for Dr. Jackman to be in Alaska at the time of the Presbyteries. He plans to accompany Dr. Sweazey on the Preaching Mission. Dr. Jackman has also been invited by the Synod of Washington to be aboard the Prince George for the special Alaska meeting.

FROM THE NATIONAL SCENE TO ALASKA Delegate "Bob" Bartlett reports THESE NOTES ARE IMPORTANT TO CALL an "all time high" of congressional appropriations for both civilian and military programs. The Department of Defense has allocated for 1952 \$271,078,273. Attention Barrow! Existence of 30 to 100 million-barrel oil fields at Umiat and 900 million cubic foot of natural gas reserves is confirmed at Gubic. Appropriations for 1953 of 8½ million is recommended and Naval authorities are seeking \$6,100,000 for continuation of 1952.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

"Devotions."

At the beginning of the year it is a good time to set goals for our lives as Christian workers. Personal devotions can be the basis of a changed ministry and service. The well of spiritual refreshment is never subject to freezing by permafrost if we keep our pipeline open through the warmth of prayer. The old manse at Fairbanks had a hundred and fifty foot well that froze every seven to ten days because the permafrost closed in around it. It was surprising what a tankfull of hot water would do to that old well. Of course we had to have a hundred and fifty feet of hose to thaw out to the very bottom. God gives all of the equipment for keeping our lives alive. It is scripture and prayer and meditation that opens the heart to the flow of spiritual power.

Dear Presbyterians
 Here is some information on The Valley
 Presbyterian Hospital

The Hospital
 will serve
 about 4,000,
 in gold mine
 trap lines,
 farms & town

Presbyterian Women can give to this
 project real financial & technical help
 Every contribution aids a community to
 realize that Christians across the USA
 want them given medical & spiritual aid

\$150,000 of
 our funds at
 this time of
 crisis will
 build nearly
 half million
 dollars of
 surgery and
 allied work.
 Infants will
 have proper
 care & youth
 given modern

opportunities of combating disease of
 all types. A Presbyterian Chaplain is
 to care for spiritual needs and our Ed
 and Medical Division to supply nurses

H - O - W?

Dollars can be put to work in a miracle
 formula. For every dollar given in the
 States four will be enabled to go into
 the Opportunity Project for 1952
 How can that be done?

A Mission Dollar	\$1.00
A Territorial Health Dollar	\$1.00
Two together	\$2.00

Hill-Burton Federal Funds	\$2.00
Allocated to Hospital	
Association of Palmer	
Total money going to work....	\$4.00

SHELDON JACKSON - COMMUNITY HOSPITAL STATISTICAL REPORT

	<u>Sheldon Jackson patients</u>				<u>City Patients</u>			
	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>Total</u>
PATIENTS	23	43	74	140	53	197	197	446
HOSPITAL DAYS	150	175	234	609	220	1053	1005	2278
CLINIC PATIENTS	228	584	752	1564		25	49	74
CLINIC TREATMENTS	479	1144	1744	3367				
DORM. HOME PATIENTS	29	61	30	120				
DORM. HOME VISITS	56	102	39	197				

Meals served city patients - 4059 - - - 1353 full days @ \$1.00 per day \$1,353.00

Laundry by S. J. J. C. plant, 24 months @ \$20.00 480.00

Summer laundry, 1950, by Sitka Laundry..... 60.80

Student labor for regular work - at least 2684 hours

Extra help for extra cleaning.

All supplies - freight hauled free

Miss Houk - Sec. - Treas. for 17 months.

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Presbyteries of Alaska and Yukon.
News Notes Nudges
19 April 52

New Robes for Angoon Choir. The Lindwood Presbyterian Church of Kansas City recently sent 21 fine robes to the church choir of Angoon. This was a project of the music division of the church after some women read about the need of the mission church in a recent copy of "outreach". The Savoonga Church has beautiful robes made from red Indian Head material. The cloth was sent by the Brick Church in New York. The pattern was provided by Art Kirk of Seattle. Robes were made for interpreters from beautiful black cloth of the same weave.

Bible Rally for Kake, Angoon and Hoonah. Bible rallies started on the west coast spread into the Kake region of the Alaska Mission. Reports indicate 75 in the meetings. Rev. Walter Sobeleff, Rev. Randolph McCluggage and Cyrus Peck gave the leadership for the conference with Andrew Gamble as host pastor. On April third Hydaburg and Craig will attend the final round of rallies for this season with Klawock as host church. One objective within these meetings will be to unify the program of Christian Education for Church School and Officers.

Presbytery meetings for the men of Alaska and Yukon are high spots for clergy and lay commissioners. These delegates will discuss vital problems of the spiritual and economic forces surrounding their parishes. Let all of us pray that these meetings will be deep springs of power for the program and life of the church. In these days much thought and planning must go into the Kingdom endeavor. To all who run and rush, let the message be short and clear -

"Christ Jesus came to seek and to save."
To those who inquire - let them find us with an awareness of human need and the battle ideals part of our own struggle. Our Christ is personal and can serve all areas of life. We have a glorious gospel and story to tell.

\$12,000,000 to raise? The question jumps out at one from every church publication. It is time for each church to be announcing its plans and driving ahead on the campaign on a local basis. If anyone has not yet set a goal for the church, it is 25% of the current giving of 1951. The current giving is found in column #10 of the General Assembly minutes. Each Presbytery should appoint a committee at the spring meeting to rally our forces to this great and historic drive to build new churches and reinforce our seminaries. The goal for each congregation is to be met in 30 months.

Savoonga Church Pledges nearly \$550.00 for the next year. The trustees of this remote church on St. Lawrence have taken their work seriously. Recently they approached each one having an income and asked for a yearly pledge. Envelopes are given out the week before the monthly offering. The Trustees count and tabulate the giving. The enthusiasm of these people should spread to some more prosperous communities that are lax in stewardship. Every home receives Presbyterian Life and everyone in the T.B. San gets a copy - as part of the service of the church.

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40% Retained by Each Presbytery. When presenting the cause of the Capital Building Campaign remember that "Each Presbytery may apply for up to 40 % of the National Missions Funds for new churches of its own which are approved by Presbytery and the Board."

Women's Organizations should be notified that there is some very fine publicity material available on the Palmer Hospital project. "Penny Goes to Palmer", the Valley Hospital Poster and other pieces for promotion are available from Presbyterian Distribution Service.

Prayer Requests Come in for Many Stations. Pray for the christian young people of Wainwright and other Arctic villages who are now thrown into direct contact with the invaling "world". Ask God for guidance as to how to meet the liquor traffic as it continues to invade Alaska's radio industry. Pray for those who are still "heathen" in some communities. There are those who have never accepted the Christ. Pray for our patients in our T.B. Sans at Tacoma, Sitka and Seward. Pray for the new preaching services just opened at Government Hill.

New Radio Program gets Green Light. Amid many activities, including locating logs for the new church, the Rev. Randolph McCluggage of Auk Bay, has been given approval to negotiate for a program on Juneau's KINY to cover Presbyterian News and Views. With a wide radio audience in the area being Presbyterian, this brings our regular outlets to the air up to three - Anchorage and Fairbanks carrying "Family Altar" series.

Leslie Yaw is preparing for a Trip into Interior Alaska to make his first-hand surveys of church, educational and health conditions. Studies based on opinions expressed by men in all phases of life will contribute to his work as he develops material as the new Field Director for the Alaska Committee of the Board of National Missions. We all wish Mr. Yaw a rich experience as he ventures into this totally new phase of our work. Based upon this research may come the plans for our work for the next decade.

100 Watt Transmitter Added to the Princeton Hall Equipment will make this mission ship of more use in the inland coastal waters. Those who travel with Cyrus Peck, know that he is constantly relaying messages between craft out of reach of one another. The call letters of the P-H are familiar throughout southeast Alaska. Howard Davis of Niles, Michigan, is a manufacturer of equipment for trailers. Through Eldred Kelley, student pastor at Klawock in the summer of 1952, Mr. Davis gave a refrigerator with a 32 volt motor to the ship. With all of the new equipment we have aboard we have some sad news - we need more batteries. Any Sunday School class or church wanting to help should send a gift to Dr. Jackman at 156 5th Avenue, NYC 10, N.Y.

Sunday School material should be checked for the summer sessions. It is important to see that if your church "breaks up" during fishing season that some one follows the children's work through at the cannery, or for those remaining at the village. Have the Session discuss the children's work. See adequate material is on hand. Order the fall material during May. New orders must be filled out each year. Remember we are never off the job, if we are on His job!

New Film Available. The famous film "Wings to the Word" has arrived for our distribution. This will be on a basis of first come first served and offering instead of rental. Give choices of dates. Penalty for not returning film!



The Eternals of Easter.

The dashed hopes of eleven beaten men were jarred into life. Even if the resurrection was a vicious rumor it was more exciting to talk about than the death and the crushing defeat of the cross. Then it happened -

He was walking with them.
He was blessing a meal.
He was serving them.

Their eyes were opened!
He was alive.

Dashed hopes all over the world remain like broken ships upon our chartered shores. Men and women cry out that their steps are dogged with plagues of trouble. The dead bury their dead and wait for others to die. The business of living is tiresome, weary, hideous. Then comes the resurrection story of life eternal. Forbidden hope rises above the debris.

The lost soul finds purpose
In the Risen Christ
The sordid passes away as a
Soiled grave cloth

The fresh, bracing air of the
Gospel of love is released
Like a dove from the ark -

Now there is a chance for deliverance.

Millions sing their praises to the risen Saviour. In their hearts will be the expression of belief in life beyond the grave. Before the empty cross they will say that immortality is now visible from this side of the bridge of life. The testimony of our people will be an affirmation of faith in the words of John Richard Moreland.

I will repudiate the lie
Men tell of life:
How it will pass
As fragile flower, or butterfly,
Whose dust shall nourish
April grass.

Since One, for love, died on a tree
One in the stony
Tomb has laid
Behold I show a mystery:
All sepulchres
Are sealed in vain!

He Is Risen



Written for the people of St. Lawrence and Wales who exhibited such real faith in the Eternal Gospel as I visited them during this last few months. R.R.A.

To the Synod of Washington

AN APPRECIATION

The members of the Presbyteries of Alaska and Yukon wish to thank the Synod of Washington, the Cruise Committee and the Board of National Missions for their making this meeting in Alaska a reality.

The special consideration of Synod has made it possible for Alaska men to travel on the Prince George. The Board of National Missions has provided the basic expenses of the Princeton-Hall for transportation to the ship.

The friends of Synod will see one third of Alaska. Beyond us lies the great expanse of the Interior and the isolated villages of the Arctic. We hope that members of our presbyteries might be able to bring highlights from their fields. You will find us Alaska minded and we trust that as you return to Washington you will be proud of the investment of the Board in this great Territory.

This little paper PAY is named after the first letters of Presbyteries of Alaska and Yukon. It tries to bind the missionaries together with bits of news and notes and promotional nudges. Sometimes we add another "n" - nonsense. If you are interested in being on the mailing list we suggest that you drop us a line - Box 2539, Juneau, Alaska, and we will send you copies as they come out.

We are sorry that all of our Alaskan delegates are not on board. Among those missing are the workers at Sheldon Jackson Junior College and Haines House. Among the church workers absent from this cruise are the following:

Rev. William and Bonnie Wartes -	Barrow
George and Loraine Burdick-	Barrow
Alice Green, St. Lawrence	Savoonga
Rev. Roy and Isabel Ahnaogak	Wainwright
(commissioner to General Assembly)	
Rev. George and Katie Betts	Hoonah
(commissioner to General Assembly)	
Leslie and Caroline Yaw	Sitka
(General Assembly and conferences)	
Rev. James and Dorothy Robinson	Sitka
Andrew and Matilda Gamble	Keke
(commissioner to General Assembly)	
Andrew and Mary Bell Wannamaker,	Klukwan
Samuel and Minnie Johnson	Angoon

Pray for one
another and
help carry
one another's
burdens.



WALTER SOBOLEFF TO BE NOMINATED BY PRESBYTERY
OF ALASKA AS MODERATOR OF THE SYNOD WASHINGTON



Walter Soboleff

Rev. Walter A. Soboleff was born in Killisnoo, Alaska in 1908. This village was the center for whalers and herring fishermen. The remains of this town stand in muted memory to the older days of Alaska.

Mr. Soboleff's paternal grandfather was a priest in the Russian Orthodox Church. In recalling some events in the life of this spiritual leader Mr. Soboleff has said, "He was a concert artist and sang in many operas."

Walter Soboleff's mother is still living and active. As an Elder in the Wrangell Presbyterian Church, Mrs.

Olaf Person is interested in present day movements within her denomination. Walter Soboleff receives great inspiration from her devotion to the church.

Mr. Soboleff's father died when he was very young. The mother placed the son in Sheldon Jackson School. Walter stayed at SJ from the fifth grade through High School. In addition to the regular work he took two years of special training at SJ.

It was in 1933 that Mr. Soboleff entered Dubuque University. After receiving his A.B. he earned his B. D. from Dubuque Seminary in 1940.

The interests of Mr. Soboleff in student days ranged from choir, band and orchestra to the Presidency of the Iowa Student Volunteer Movement work. Today that same wide range of activity characterizes Mr. Soboleff's life. He is active in the Lions International, Alaska Native Brotherhood and in all civic movements. Since the recent international emergency Mr. Soboleff has accepted the commission in the Alaska National Guard as Chaplain with the rank of Captain. He has been elected on three occasions to act as the Chaplain of the Alaska Legislature.

Mr. Soboleff married Miss Genevive Ross of Hydaburg. They have four children. Mrs. Soboleff is a graduate of Sheldon Jackson and the Nursing School of our hospital at Ganado.

PAUL AND PEARL PROUTY LEAVE FOR DENVER. After years of successful work in acting as master of the Princeton-Hall and later as General Missionary Paul Prouty has asked for temporary release from Alaska. Because of illness in the family these workers have chosen to help their family through a transition period. As these loyal workers go we all will send our prayers with them. They can be reached at 12016 East Colfax, Aurora, Colorado.

ISABEL MILLER TO WORK FOR WELFARE DEPARTMENT THIS SUMMER. Completing this year of work at the University of Chicago, Miss Miller, former director of Haines House, will work for Welfare and return for a second year at the University. Letters from Miss Miller indicate that she is doing a great deal of publicity work for Alaska, and is looking forward to assuming a regular assignment with the BNM in Alaska in 1953. She may be reached at International House, Chicago.

SHELDON JACKSON WILL ACCEPT GOOD BOOKS FOR CIRCULATING LIBRARY. Miss Georgia Conley, Librarian, at SJJC, is willing to accept your good, usable religious books for a circulating library for Christian Workers. If you belong to a Pulpit Book Club or Religious Book Club, or buy independent of these sources, your addition to the SJS library will help this cause. If you have questions on the type of books, write us or write Miss Conley. A list of available books will then be drawn up and you may write in for your selections. Let's have the books start toward Sitka this summer so we can get this going for our fall reading program.

WHAT THAT NEW 100 KW RADIO WILL BRING IN! Boats traveling to the Presbytery of Alaska were startled by the voice booming in over the radio - "This is St. Peter calling the Princeton-Hall. This is St. Peter calling the Princeton-Hall." The Presbytery of Alaska went right to work in National Missions Committee meeting under George Betts and passed a resolution that we ask the INM to raise money for the replacement of the P-H in the very near future. The St. Peter is an Angoon boat.

SOME PEOPLE CARRY THEIR BIBLES but Roy Ahmaogak goes most pastors one better. On a recent report Roy stated that there had been so much sickness that he was carrying his medical kit and thermometer on his pastoral calls. This should be reported to Seward Hiltner of Chicago who has just written "The Counselor in Counseling." Roy seems to have better luck than some of Hiltner's unfortunate ministerial friends.



SHELDON JACKSON JUNIOR COLLEGE
ENTERING SEVENTY FIFTH YEAR.



Roland B. Wurster

Sheldon Jackson Junior College is about to enter the seventy fifth year of service to the youth of Alaska. This year 154 have been enrolled in the High School and Junior College. This is the only Christian Jr. College in Alaska.

Roland Wurster became the President of the school on the first of January. Under his guidance twenty members of the staff plan the activities of the campus. Regular hours of work are assigned to students. Mr. Wurster has been active in seeking student participation through the Council. Gospel teams plan for weeks to perfect programs for trips into the villages. This work is on the increase in the school. Basketball proves to be the outstanding sport on campus.

Those receiving the Alaska Sportsman for last month would be pleased to see the ad announcing that registrations for 1952-53 were being accepted.

On campus, Sheldon Jackson Museum is among the historic sites of Alaska. No finer collection of rare material has been collected in the Territory.

ARCTIC STUDENTS NEED TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SHELDON JACKSON. A special Alaska Travel Scholarship Fund is to be set up in the BNM for special unsolicited and noncreditable gifts. Top rate Arctic students should be guaranteed their return fare from village to school at SJ. The school will provide work scholarships and aid these students. We need ten such scholarships of about \$300 each. If you want to help as an individual or society write for more information to 2539, Juneau.

P R A Y

Roy Ahmaogak had missed the cue on the first copy of PAY refering to the meaning of these letters. He wrote "Did you leave out a letter?" That was all he said, but we suspect that Roy thought there should have been an "R" in the name of the paper. So for Roy we are letting him see what it would look like with the suspected letter. It's a good idea Roy and we won't forget that there is PAY in PRAYING.

Government Hill Anchorage has 6,000 people in the new 1,000 units and the quonset huts. The BNM through Dr. Jackman is seeking \$20,000 for a church. It is possible that some money for a manse will be available soon. The only group working the Hill is a small southern Baptist organization. Do you have a good name for this new church?

The College Presbyterian Church thrilled the recent Presbytery meeting by showing off a new attendance chart for Sunday School. Pictures of all students are mounted on pieces of ply wood and held in a neat rack. As students come in their pictures are turned out toward the room. If the student doesn't show up an empty chair painted on the reverse side causes no end of comment.

Dr. George Sweazey, recent speaker at both Presbyteries, gave a fine suggestion for application forms for church membership. Enter on each application a place for a permanent address for all those joining church. In Alaska this is a most appropriate suggestion where our folk leave on new assignments between Sundays. If anyone is printing "Membership Applications" can we extend the printing to other churches to give everyone the benefit of the lower cost?

Over the dinner table the conversation turned to serving people in Alaska. B. J. Bingle was talking about the people who leave their religion on the dock of a famous port in Washington and added "It is hard to reach people when they are highball Christians." — and we assure you that Bert was not talking about hiballing on the railroad!

SEWARD SAN TO BE CONTACTED OUT OF ANCHORAGE. The Presbytery of the Yukon has asked Fred Telecky to drive to Seward and contact Presbyterians now at the San. If you have friends in that location, write Fred. Don't forget to contact these people at regular intervals. Savoonga is sending "PRESBYTERIAN LIFE" to their members at Seward and Sitka.

It is announced officially through the appearance of a beautiful diamond, that Miss Nancy McFarlane, DCE of the Sitka Church, is to marry Bruce Stromme of Mt. Edgecumbe. Bruce plans to go to Bible School. As a top rate cook, Bruce expects to use this as his field for full time Christian service.

Dr. Earl Jackman recently received word of the death of Miss Delia Sheldon Jackson, at the age of 88, in Washington D. C. Miss Jackson is survived by a sister, Miss Elizabeth Lesley Jackson. The service was held at the National Presbyterian Church of Washington, D.C.

"ALLEN" is a pass word to release." — George Sweazey

Savoonga has a Bible reading class under the direction of Miss Green. Alice interprets the difficult words and helps with pronunciation, but that is all. The women who attend read and help one another. The chief aim is to teach the fluent and understandable reading of the Word.

FILM DISTRIBUTION SERVICE listings will be made and mailed within the next few days. "And Now Tomorrow" has been released at Anchorage as part of the World Premiere of this production. The film will then go to Palmer and the Fairbanks area. Time will be reserved on the basis of receipt of requests. All Presbyterian organizations must provide an offering for this film. No other than Presbyterian groups must pay \$25.00 rental.

"Wings to the Word," a Foreign Mission story is now on the West Coast. This is the story of a flying missionary in Brazil.

Caravan for the Summer. Young people from the States will have a large place in the Alaska Mission program in the summer of 1952. Thornton Penfield III of Yonkers, N.Y. will assist Cyrus Peck. Frank Brady, who has worked with us at Wrangell, is now attending Bloomfield. He will aid us at either Government Hill or at Big Delta. Robert Blade of Princeton is to head up workers from First Church Hollywood. The names of the four Californians are not available. They will hold D.V.B.S. at Klawock and help erect the recreation building for the church. Painting and repairs will be carried on at the church building. Dr. Dow Pinkston of the College of Emporia has named Virginia Ann Wolf, Norma Douglas, Dorothy Anne Swift and Myron White as being the choice for this year's College team. These students will sail on the Prince George and will hold their first school at Metlakatla. This is the second year for Emporia in our program. Whitworth sends her second team. Miss Evelyn A. Smith has named Geneca Oshany, Helen Greiner, Douglas Gates and William Klovick as the work caravan to help in the Anchorage-Palmer area. This is the first work team to enter this sector of the mission. Haines has not secured the Interdenominational work caravan for this year, but Gary Wilson has volunteered for the summer and has been accepted by Rev. Donald Schwab of Haines House.

PROMOTE THE CAMPS FOR YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE. King's Lake dates for the Matanuska Valley will be: July 3-6, Young People; July 7-11, Juniors; July 11-17, Sr. High. Rainbow Glacier Camp at Haines has announced June 12-18 for Senior Hi, and June 24-30 for the Junior Hi. Glacier's charges will be \$20.00 including transportation. All delegates for the southeastern conference will be picked up by either the Princeton Hall or the SJS II.

Barrow News. The "Igloo" has been remodeled for George and Loraine Burdick, by the Burdicks. The old shed for the Model "T" Snowmobile has made an attractive apartment. "Bill" Wartes made the trip back to Barrow from Presbytery in the "Arctic Messenger" without telling us that he had arrived. The report says "we were forced to fly North without further delay because of melting snows --skiis for landing gear...I will have to return for the pontoons and other equipment this summer."

Chaplain E. E. Sullivan, stationed at Big Delta has been very helpful in our organization of plans for a new chapel at Big Delta. Chaplain Sullivan is a member of Sacramento Presbytery.

Recently Dr. Earl Jackman and the Field Representative flew into Barter Island to meet with Herman Rexford and the congregation. This group belong to the Barrow church. The plane landed at 4:15, piloted by Col. "Bill" Geyser. The churchmen were off the ground at 5:20 headed for Fairbanks with a record for service. Preaching was conducted, six children were baptized, one 14 year old boy was baptized, and with another young man admitted into the church. The Secretary and F.R. were trying to make the Dedication of the College Church, so they changed to Sunday best at 8,000 ft.

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL



"PENNY GOES TO PALMER"

Every woman in the Presbyterian Church is hearing about "Pennies for Palmer." Here is the architects view of the needed facilities. The plans are drawn by Presbyterian laymen, Edwin Crittenden of Anchorage, with the consulting service of Dr. Gerhard Hartman of the University Hospitals of Iowa City, Iowa.

The Board of National Missions adopted this area as a trial in stimulating community initiative. The Matanuska Valley has 4,000 to 5,000 aggressive young business men and farmers. Each one is trying to carve out of the countryside a home, and the other evidences of a good life. When the original hospital burned it was impossible for the people to erect a new medical center. After buying a home and renovating it for standby service they called upon the Presbyterian Church for help. Through the office of Educational and Medical work, Miss Katharine Gladfelter visited the Valley, and recommended that the Board unite with the community in aiding their efforts. Last year plans advanced to the place where the women of the church voted to make Palmer an opportunity for 1952. The church women will raise during this year \$150,000 for this hospital. With community, Territorial and Federal aid the Valley Hospital Association will be able to erect a new plant worth nearly \$500,000.

The grateful people of Palmer have chosen to call the new building the "VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL." The Board has its relationship through two representatives on the hospital board. The Board further recruits the nurses and the pastor of the United Protestant Church (Presbyterian) is the official chaplain for the institution.

THE FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH , ANCHORAGE



AMID A CITY OF 40,000 WITH THE WORD

Faith Presbyterian Church was originally known as the "Miracle Building." The first building was built by the donations of citizens of Anchorage and the labor of men and women, young people and G.I.s. The steady growth of the church has proven that faith was the foundation stone of its origin.

This church started as an outpost Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage. The school moved from the front lawn of an interested christian to their log cabin's basement. Soon the interest crystalized in a building. Under the leadership of Rev. Fred Koschmann the Board purchased a lot for the growing church on the proposed Seward highway. Today this site is on the direct line of traffic between the seaport of Seward and the states.

Now under the pastoral care of Rev. Fred Telecky the members are building an architect's dream into reality. The cut at the top of the page shows how they have acheived a treatment of cement brick and log to create a unique combination of modern and Alaskan style.

At present the church basement is complete and the congregation worships there. Here is an example of the work of the church in a section of Alaska where life is ever moving and ever changing. With many heart breaking problems this church will continue and work and some day will dedicate their new church. It will be a monument to faith.

Alaskans Aboard the Prince
George Synod Trip

- Rev. Hackett Johnson, Woodland Park Presbyterian
Anchorage
- Rev. B. J. Bingle, Sunday School Missionary and the
Missionary Pastor for the Rail-
Belt Presbyterian Church,
College, Alaska
- Rev. Thomas Tweedie, College Community Presbyterian
College, Alaska
- Rev. Fred B. Koschmann, First Presbyterian Church
Fairbanks, Alaska
- Rev. Frank Walkup , First Presbyterian Church
Anchorage, Alaska
- Rev. Fred Telecky , Faith Presbyterian Church
Anchorage, Alaska
- Rev. Clayton Shotwell , Presbyterian Church
Ketchikan
- Rev. Harry Seversen, Presbyterian Church
Metlakatla
- Rev. Elmer Parker, Presbyterian Church
Hydaburg
- Mr. Edward Davison, Presbyterian Church
Craig
- Mr. Arthur Johnson, Presbyterian Church
Klewock
- Rev. Elwood Hunter, First Presbyterian Church
Sitka
- Mr. Roland Wurster, President, Sheldon Jackson
Junior College, Sitka.
- Rev. Willis R. Booth, Northern Light Presbyterian
Juneau
- Rev. Randolph McCluggage, Chapel-by-the-Lake, Presbyterian
Auk Bay
- Rev. Walter Soboleff, Memorial Presbyterian
Juneau
- Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong, Field Representative
Juneau
- Rev. Paul Evans, First Presbyterian Church
Wrangell
- Mr. Cyrus Peck, Skipper of M/S Princeton Hall
Juneau

Synod, s Alaskan Delegates (con't)

Rev. Donald Schwab , Director, Haines House
Haines, Alaska

Rev. Carl DeMott , Presbyterian Church
Skagway, Alaska

Rev. Harry Gayley , United Protestant Church (interim)
Appointed as Chaplain to Service
Personnel in Anchorage area

FALL REPORTS ON ALASKA FOR FIELD AND SUPPORTERS

Haines House Retreat: It may have been done before but Donald Schwab, Director believes this is the first retreat for the entire staff. Dorms, kitchen, office and all duties will be taken over by responsible towns people. The staff will go aboard the Princeton Hall to Skagway. Discussions of the recent Territorial wide Child Welfare Conference, Haines House and town relations and general problems of the work will be a part of the program.

Some Books Have Been Added to the Sheldon Jackson Library of Special Interest to Pastors: Other books are needed to fill out a new section relating to the work of missionaries and pastors. Your contribution of late, good books will be received by Miss G. Conley, librarian.

First Church Anchorage through Rev. Frank Walkup tells us that they expect to be into their new Sanctuary about Thanksgiving. What rejoicing this will be for the Anchorage people. A new Kasavant organ is on order for the congregation.

Metlakatla has announced through Rev. Harry Severson and Elder Ted Bensen that they are prepared to move ahead on their new educational unit. Construction will start this fall.

Rev. Ronald Snelling of Petersburg returned from the recent meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska to start construction on the new Petersburg church. Rev. John Grisset, to be assigned later to Ketchikan, will help Mr. Snelling for two weeks. Mr. Grisset will then go to Angoon to help with Evangelistic Services and aid in the fall program of the Bible School. If time permits he will later visit Kake.

The Woodland Park Church has finished the plumbing and cement work on the new Sanctuary and the Educational unit. Rev. Hackett Johnson and his men have worked hard to bring this project to completion.

A recent trip to the Faith Presbyterian Church brought joy to the Field Representatives heart. Amid the slam bang traffic of Gambell Street in Anchorage's Eastchester, the lights were brightly lit over the construction work of the Faith Presbyterian Church. Rev. Fred Telecky was in wonderful spirit and confident that the next two years will see this project on a solid foundation.

Rev. Harry Gayley, Service Chaplain for Anchorage's GI families, is acting pastor of Government Hill. Signs are pointing up to real interest at this vital point in our work. Over 6,000 people live in this area. Aside from our work and a small Baptist church there is nothing for this group. Pray for necessary funds for this group so they can get a building - other than their quonset hut!

Vacation Bible School swept over the Arctic on wings this year. Rev. Wm Wartes picked up a teacher from Wainwright and trained her at Barrow and returned to the southern village to aid in the DVBS work. Average attendance in Barrow exceeded 150, while similar high numbers held good for Wainwright. Rev. Roy Ahmaogak says that with this help they should now be able to go forward on their own. Wales had a visitor from Anchorage in Mrs. Norma Hoyt and her son Harold. These two plus Miss Emma Stauffer, Missionary, held the first DVBS for Wales. Mrs. Hoyt paid her own expenses. She also visited Alice Green at Savoonga and traveled with the C. M. bells of Gambell on the North Star and later visited them at the mission station.

News on Radio: We are informed that the final procedures on KALA Sitka are in the making and before long we will be able to have our own radio station up here on top of the world. KJNO now carries "YOU AND THE CHURCH" with Rev. R. McCluggage 12 on Sat

Rev. Elwood Hunter and Miss Eleanor Ruppert on the staff of First Pres, Sitka, want the names of every Presbyterian leaving your community for the San. At regular intervals our Sitka staff publishes a statement on church doctrine that gives guidance to the patients. Classes are held with school children each week and a continual program of visitation is conducted. Pray for these folk and help them by sending in names from your parish. When one goes to the hospital send the church along with them by giving a subscription to Presbyterian Life.

The Princeton-Hall is badly in need of repairs and rather than risk the dangerous winter storms the National Missions Committee of Presbytery has recommended that she be tied up in the Jeanneau small boat harbour for Dec. Jan. Feb and March. Mr. Peck will be assigned to work as associate to Fr. Soboleff in the Memorial Church.

On World Wide Communion Sunday Rev. Donald Schwab conducted the service at Klukwan. Mr. Andrew Wannamaker, resident layworker, was pleased with the spirit of the service. He stated that his men are preparing to erect the recreation building beside the church in preparation for Presbytery. Recent news reports from Klukwan state that the church was threatened by mountain floods recently and a crew fought to divert the mountain stream from taking the Sanctuary. The Field Representative was invited to assist Rev. H. Hartman of Haines, with the World Wide Communion celebration at Haines.

Rev. Thomas Tweedie of College and Mr. Niel Monroe, Service Chaplain of Fairbanks, met with the Field Representative at Tok Junction. The two from Fairbanks drove from that city to meet the group returning from the Palmer Welfare Conference. Mr. Tweedie reports real progress on the basement of the church and work has been resumed on their new manse.

The Palmer Hospital Association met recently in the offices of Dr. Bailey in Palmer to discuss the future plans of the work. Bids will be opened on the new Valley Presbyterian Hospital on the 15th of December.

Rev. and Mrs. B. Cleworth are showing real leadership in the United Protestant Church in Palmer. The spiritual atmosphere is healthy and everyone is aware of their keen leadership. The Trustees of the church have gone forward to seek the completion of the basement and the heating plant. Our little, faithful church at Wasilla, under Mr. Cleworth, carries on with a few of the faithful. Work on their building is gradually being completed.

Rev. B. J. Bingle has just returned from the States with a new car. Before long he will have knotty pine church furniture from Terrace, Minnesota, for the chapel at Big Delta.

Tape recordings of Rev. George Sweazey's addresses before the Presbytery of Alaska are available. Write this office - state speed of tape recorder.

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Christian Education???

Material Available??

Yes, the Department of Christian Education of the Synod of Washington has made the 1953 servicing films available. You should use them. How do you know if they are good? Previews were made at Sitka and you can arrange for an area preview by applying for the films. Let's try to do a better job for our boys and girls by increasing our efficiency as leaders and teachers.

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1953YEAR OF EVANGELISM CO-OPERATIVE EMPHASISFIELD REPRESENTATIVE TO MAKE ANNUAL
SOUTHEASTERN TRIP

Leaving Monday the 12th for Sitka the FR will fly on to Petersburg on the 13th. A change in Alaska Coastal schedule will be responsible for cutting Kake out of this itinerary.

The balance of the schedule follows:

Wrangell	January	14
Ketchikan	"	15
Klawock	"	17
Craig	"	19
Hydaburg	"	21
Metlakatla	"	23
Seattle	"	24
Olympia	"	26
Seattle	"	28
Juneau	"	30
Whitehorse	February	1

Interior Trip:

Barrow - Wainwright
Railbelt Church
Palmer - Wasilla
Anchorage - Faith -
Woodland Park

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On the 12th of December a daughter was born to Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Snelling of Petersburg.

Word received recently announced the arrival of "a Boy" to Fred and Leona Koschmann (David Frederick - 9 lb. 13), born on Vic's birthday. Their address is Box 58, Othello, Washington.

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It was two days before Christmas when the doctor released Ruth Hartmann for a trip home. On the Jan. 8th freighter, a new dishwasher was shipped to the manse to aid in this period of adjustment. Thanks to everyone on the field for their gifts. Some are still arriving.

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During Dec., Bert Bingle traveled 3022 miles to serve his parish. Offerings along the way totaled \$286.99. Our prayers are with you, B.J.

Personal evangelism by personal workers will feature the year of evangelism now under way in the Territory of Alaska by many communities. In a plan offered by Dr. Jesse Bader of the Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches, the major denominations have called upon their people to become aware of others in need of evangelism.

To add emphasis to the need of personal witnessing and the "altar call", Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary of the Dep't of Work in Alaska, has given "The Great Awakening", by Sidney W. Powell, to every missionary. Inside the cover the Secretary penned his message - "Pointing to our Central Purpose".

The village of Klukwan held a day of evangelism on January 4th when Mr. Wannamaker invited Rev. D. Schwab and Rev. H. Hartmann, both of Haines, to aid in an evening of high spiritual emphasis.

Rev. Willis Booth of Juneau's Northern Light Church told the Field Representative that the message he would give New Year's eve should center on evangelism.

Sheldon Jackson Junior College will have a week of spiritual emphasis. Mr. Fenton Duval, Professor at Whitworth College will be the leader. Prayers should be offered for this student planned program which will start on January 25th.

"AND NOW TOMORROW" VIEWED BY HUNDREDS

The great film "And Now Tomorrow" continues to make the circuit of Alaska. It is now at Klawock and will go to Hydaburg. From there it will go to Bill Wartes at Barrow and on to Wainwright; then be shown in Palmer, then Faith, Woodland Park and 1st Church, Anchorage.

Extreme care should be taken to see the film before public showing to catch any defects in film.

NEW TERRITORIAL MISSIONS OFFICE LOCATION

The new address for the Territorial Office of National Missions is now 214 4th Avenue. The mailing address is still Box 2539, but the phone is changed to Juneau -- 1173.

An office of permanent nature has been developed on the lower floor of the house on almost street level. The location will give Juneau visitors a central place to meet for conferences. Summer visitors will also find it a spot for information.

214 4th Avenue is between the Masonic Temple and the Northern Light Manse.

The move to the new location was made on December 20th. Since then work on the office has progressed. Delay in answers to letters can be explained by the adjustments in time of moving. The field has been very indulgent.

An area for window displays is under development. Each field will be called upon to take a month for demonstration of the work. Be thinking of some ideas.

DECEMBER IN BARROW

Rev. William Wartes announces the following amazing figures for December. A total of 1127 people attended morning services; 1313 studied in Sunday School and 1739 worshiped at evening meditations. On Christmas day 940 were at the village feast held in the church. In addition to the above figures, 1055 were at week day activities.

"Many of the men are laid off at the base," Mr. Wartes writes. "The ones who are still working are working alternate weeks as each job is divided between two men."

George Burdick, co-worker at Barrow, adds "This place is getting quite tropical -- only 5 below for 3 days."

CAMPBELL OF GAMBELL REPORTING

"With the help of the church officers, a new spirit of rededication by all of us, and the blessings of God we shall move ahead into this year of evangelism and gain the whole hearts of the people."

STEWARDSHIP ACCENTUATED AND TAKES HOLD

Three village churches entered into a new era of stewardship this fall when they instituted a budget and pledge system.

Kake led with a request to the Juneau office for mimeographed pledge cards, budget sheets and letters to absentee members. Angoon adopted a system along with Hoonah that would make direct appeal for systematic pledging and payment of obligations to the Lord.

Reports from Palmer indicate that they have moved forward in stewardship. This is the first year in recent history for this church to make the pledging of blessings a part of the program. All will look with greater interest toward the spiritual development of this group.

VOICE OF SHELDON JACKSON, INC.

The National Mission Board recently asked for the incorporation of a group of men to form "The Voice of Sheldon Jackson, Inc." The first meeting was held in the law office of Norman Banfield of Juneau. Elected officers are: Rev. R.R. Armstrong, President; Rev. Willis R. Booth, Secretary; Roland Wurster, Treasurer; and Norman Banfield, Vice President.

Mr. Thomas Morgan of Columbia Lumber Co. is the additional member of the corporation.

The new station's management has been offered by the Board of National Missions and the Corp. to Mr. Leslie Yaw. The call letters of the station are KALA. Papers to the FCC will be filed immediately. A certificate for operation is mandatory. An announcement of opening will be given later.

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TO GHE TIK - JESUS MOON

A Meditation for Easter
Lowell and Betty Campbell
Gambell, St. Lawrence Island

YOU well know the disappointments of those last days before Jesus' crucifixion. The Son of God sensed with sorrow the truning away of the multitudes. With a note of pathos, He asked the disciples, "Will you also go away?" This was not an expression of self-pity but of despair for men, who though seeing the Light return to darkness. Then, Peter replied in a moment of greatness, "Where shall we go, Lord?" You have the words of eternal life. Recently, we have been learning a favorite hymn of our Eskimo people which repeats the faith in Peter's statement — To ghe tik -- Jesus moon — ("Come to Jesus"). During this time of Lent let us all recapture that faith and direction for our lives — let us come to Jesus.

Come to Jesus in prayer and rededication.

Come to Jesus in times of despair.

Come to Jesus in confession of our sins.

For until we honestly, honestly confess that we are sinful,
we do not really find Christ. His cross and empty tomb
symbolize the power for eternal life which is ours when
we come to Jesus in humble faith.

Come to Jesus in Bible study.

Someone has said, "Life is not perfection; it is imperfection.

Life is taking the raw material of the universe and building something."

Whether you build a Christian life or a Christian church, follow the formula of Peter — "Where shall we go, Lord? You have the words of eternal life."

"To ghe tik - Jesus Moon."

St. John 6:60-69.

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NEWS

PRESBYTERIES TO MEET. The Presbytery of Yukon will meet in Anchorage the week after Easter. Plans in addition to regular work call for the dedication of the Woodland Park Presbyterian Church at Spenard and the sanctuary of First Church, Anchorage. The ground breaking for the Valley Presbyterian Hospital will be held on April 9th. Moderator Hermann Morse will participate in these events.

The Presbytery of Alaska will be marked with the dedication of the Executives home for Haines House. During the Moderator's visit to the Presbytery of Alaska he will aid in the dedication of the Educational Building at Metlakatla, the opening of the 75 birthday of Sheldon Jackson, and inspection of nearly every village church. The Presbytery of Alaska will meet at Haines and Klukwan. The new Educational Unit for Klukwan is to be ready for inspection by Presbytery.

Christian Education in Philadelphia notifies the ER office that 1953 leadership training material will be available. Be sure to sign up for your fall programs at Presbytery.
Rev. Charles Muir is making available to the presbyteries the copies of International Council leadership film strips and records. These are good! Sign up for them at Presbytery. We have them for the summer only.

If you know of available jobs for the summer let us know at once. A number of Seminary students are asking about summer work.

If you are looking for a good article on the subject of Marionetts write "Woman's Day, Inc." 19 W 44 NYC 18 and ask for their issue of Oct. 1951

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Remember the new address of the Synod of Washington -- 1104 17th Ave Seattle 2, Wash. The men want you to visit when you are in Seattle.

Ordering the Westminster D.V.B.S. material? Read it?

Will you write to Chaplain John Dodge? His address is Newport, Rhode Island. He

says: "This is some contrast to Alaska. Have been here a week. Will be visiting some more islands and doing various training exercises. The family is well, but this sea duty is not particularly enjoyable from their point of view. God be with you." U. S. S. Benham, S. Juan, P. R.

Rev. E. E. Bromley, 316 N. Baker, Mt. Vernon, Washington. Drop these senior missionaries a greeting. They are praying for us in the Territory.

Elmer Parker, Klawock, Alaska -- "Dear Army. Report No. 1. Klawock Hospital. Arrival -- March 9th. Progress first week -- Blank. Progress Second week -- some sunshine. March 18th. -- dressed part day. March 19 -- dressed all day. Prospects for recovery -- Good. Signed, Elmer Parker."

Mrs. Cyrus Peck has been ill and was confined to the hospital. She has returned home. Place her on the prayer list. This illness was the result of a blood transfusion.

Ralph W. Bayless, Sec't of the American Bible Society will visit both Presbyteries. He has "The Bible on the Table" to show in churches. His trip will take him into southeast and to the Interior. (Bethel, McGrath, Kuskokwin River)

Be sure to order the bulletins and inserts celebrating the 75 anniversary of Sheldon Jackson. Have you mailed Mr. Roland Wurster, President, a list of your people who might give financial assistance to the school?

When you get to heaven you will likely view
Many folks whose presence there
Will be a shock to you.
But keep very quiet;
Do not even stare:
Doubtless there'll be many folks
Surprised to see you there.

Lowell Campbell -- We are now in the midst of a six week leadership training course for Christian Doctrine. We have regular Bible reading courses that meet following the weekly prayer meeting.

Alaska Legislature -- Mr. Miscovich, House Pres., did everything to block liquor legislation. Responsible representatives will tell you the story -- ask them.

Emma Stauffer at Wales: After a near tragic accident in almost loosing a new mother an SOS was sent out to the medical authorities in Nome. Before 12 hours a plane swooped down out of the sky. The next day found the mother alive. Honestly - GOD DOES ANSWER PRAYER. This is a grand family, so I sent her something to eat, a loaf of bread for her little folks. Today I saw the married daughter go home, so she will make the bread. Pray for us.

Roy Ahmaogak says "Enclosed please find our offering for the film "AND NOW TOMORROW" in the amount of \$5.00. This film was most appreciated by our congregation and including our teachers (ANS). Our old people especially enjoyed seeing Dr. Jackson and Capt. Heley of the "Cutter Bear", which were personally know by old people on the Arctic coast."

Rev. John Grissett of Ketchikan: Hope to visit Kasaan next week for one full days time. Have been advised that most of the folks are or soon will be out trapping. John has established a Sunday School and an application will be presented to presbytery for a full time worker. Recently \$26.00 was sent to these folks to aid in their work. The contribution came from Howell, Michigan.

Sermon idea? Try developing something around the idea of II Timothy 3:7 "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

B .J.Bingle Reports: Total miles traveled 41,611. Professions of faith 5. Sunday School self supporting 4. Sunday School enrollment 150. "My job is one of circulation. Every week I am on the highway and every other week on the railroad. " Each week Bert sends Forward, Today, Presbyterian Life & daily papers, to Arctic Construction Camps.

From the Washington Newsletter of the Union Signal comes this word: "Distillers say Shenley broadcasts discontinued." One of the fruits of the Harris Sub-Com. on TV as reported by distillers is that broadcasts are discontinued in Alaska and Hawaii. You will recall that the chairman that the FCC Commission said that he would band hard liquor broadcasting by law. To the best of our knowledge the above report is true. Report to FR if this is not so.

Presbytery Business: A line of diliniation should be made between church boards of trustees and church corporations. If the corporation by-laws do not set forth that officers of one board represent the other - how can there be lack of conflict.

If You Discriminate Against Me - Channing Tobias

If you discriminate against me because I am dirty, I can make myself clean
If you discriminate against me because I am bad, I can reform and be good.
If you discriminate against me because I am ill-mannered, I can improve
my manners.

But if you discriminate against me because of my color - you discriminate
against me because of something which God himself has done and over
which I have no control.

Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, Government Hill, Anchorage, Alaska was sent a new communion set for their services. This young church has in an application through the Board of National Missions to receive title to their property. It will take an act of Congress - and we mean just that.

Bill and Bonnie Wartes - Lorraine and George Burdick are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Dr. Earl Jackman and Dr. Hermann Morse. The Barrow Church is nearly completed and plans are being made for the dedication of the sanctuary.



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THERE CAN BE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SOUL WINNING..... Recently I read a letter from a missionary in Africa. The burden of the epistle was that the chief job of their mission must be a return to soul winning - making disciples. Sometimes we need to ask if being civic leaders, members of service clubs and organizations for this and that is bringing us into closer contact with the unsaved. At this time of the year let us realize that Christ came to save sinners. There can be no evasion of these words. He wants men to believe on the Father. He wants to see mens lives in revolt until they make their peace with the Almighty. "What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my heart."

Dr. Harry Severson was once considering leaving school and returning to the ships at sea. Harry turned to the Word of God and Isaiah 41:10 spoke to him. Harry stayed in school and never turned back. His widow, Mildred Mason Severson is most appreciative of the messages that have come through. She will locate in Glendale, California.

THE KETCHIKAN CHURCH has been completely and beautifully redecorated following their fire. John Grissett is doing a good job in following up on people coming in to the hospital from the villages.

A GOOD DIEHL ON THE HIGHWAY..... Ed and Helen Diehl have rushing their manse to completion. They have a beautiful log cabin. It is warm and they are happy. First Pres. of Anchorage is raising \$900.00 for a well and pump, while Woodland Park took a special offering for the Diehls. The station wagon with the words, "PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" is making friends all along the road.

The Palmer Hospital.... The Valley Presbyterian Hospital will be ready for dedication on the first of March. Plans are already underway for an outstanding dedication. It will take about \$1,000 to provide the chaplain with the equipment for his work. You may be interested to know that Second Church Newark is outfitting a room with surgical supplies and tagging them. Those who enter the room will be asked to by equipment for Palmer.

The Pipe Line Contract is Signed! Nearly 1000 men will be employed to install the high pressure pipe line from Haines to Fairbanks. This will give Henry Hartman and Ed Diehl some intensive work this summer. This multi million dollar project will connect up with the Lutack pier that went in last year.

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR HELPERS? We are in desperate need of men to man our Alaskan fields. We have wondered if we should set aside a day throughout the mission to make this a special prayer request of our ministers and people. Give us your reactions to this suggestion. Another suggestion that has merit, is that an open letter be written to Presbyterian Life and Monday Morning asking for manpower. Let us hear from you on this.

Princeton Hall Fall-Winter trip..... Dick Nelson, captain of the P/H and Rolland Armstrong will leave Thursday or Friday (Dec 3-4) for the villages and isolated areas on an extensive visit. Services, movies, training films and tracts will be used as part of the material on this journey. Some clothes will be taken to areas stricken in poor fishing areas and a report will be made to both Presbyteries on what must be done at once to help our churches.

See next page for NEWS on - Ralph Weeks, A Preacher's Wife makes Good Pie, etc.

"" ""	" "	"	*	Mrs. Win Ware produced an old family receipt on sour
" "	" "	" "	*	cream pie that will take her to New York to compete
" "	" "	" "	*	with 99 other contestants. Pillsbury Flour is paying
"" "" "" ""	" "	"	*	this all expense trip and a local merchant is giving
" "	" "	" "	*	a new electric stove to the family.
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 These industrious people are also thankful that Faith Church is about to recieve a \$6000.00 loan from the First National Bank of Anchorage to help finance the completion of Faith. We certainly hope that the sour cream pie wins the \$25,000. The bank will be an interested by-stander.

WEEKS WORKS WELL INTO THE SERVICE MEN'S PROGRAM.....It is a joy to go past the Big Delta project and see the log chapel and service center well on its way to completion. The Weeks family are teamed up in this project to see that new families are contacted. Many are responding to their efforts. Ralph is also doing work with GI families at First Fairbanks.

Dr. Jackman on the road again after illness. It was only two days at home for Dr. Jackman, but that is news. We have heard that as soon as he recovered that he was off again on another field trip.

Northern Light Calls Malcom Sweet of Carbondale, Pennsylvania. The congregation of Northern Light gave a unanimous call to Dr. M. Sweet, former Chaplain and successful pastor and builder. The capital post is important and this pulpit can mould many decisions. We are happy with the people in their decision and pray God's blessing on this new ministry.

Westminister Fellowship National Assembly will be represented by two University of Alaska students and two from the Presbytery at large. Bryan Cleworth of Palmer, Christian Education Chairman is pushing for a Presbytery-wide meeting of youth to come up with the final names
 Four students can go from the Presbytery of Alaska, but as yet no nominations have come to our attention.

Petersburg Meets in Nearly Completed Sanctuary..... Ron Snelling is overjoyed at the response that has come since they have moved from the living room of the Manse to the Sanctuary. It will not take long to complete the church and all of us join in a cheer - "Good work Ron and the people of Petersburg."

Mr. Phillips Williams has gone to Angoon to help us. Phil is a layman and is interested in exploring what may be done in the way of aiding in church work. Phil will remain until a full time person may be called to this field.

Men of Metlakatla are making plans to cut timber for the siding on the new Educational Building. The Elders and Trustees of this job have done a fine job in bringing this new project into being. Congratulations Metlakatla!

Memorial Church of Juneau is announcing that their men are completing the new Church School room in their present building and are making plans to excavate under the Sanctuary for additional space. Dr. Walter Soboleff (Capt. National Guard)) made a fine contribution to the recent encampment, according to Commanding General NNoyes

May we suggest having a Christmas Day service? Many churches feel they are imposing upon people to get out on this day. Not all of our families are able to get out to a Christmas Eve service and would like to come out on Friday, December 25 to worship. Give this nudge some prayerful thoughts and see if you can work it out.

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR NEW WORKERS HELD IN MANY PLACES IN ALASKA..... There is evidence that many Churches entered into the Day of Prayer that was set for the last Sunday in January. Sheldon Jackson Junior College and the Sitka Westminster Fellowship had a Prayer Vigil to stress the need for new workers. The amazing result of this adventure was personal commitments by these young people for full-time Christian Service. If you had a Day of Prayer, we would like your story on it.

HENRY FAWCETT TO CONTINUE IN SCHOOL..... Whitworth College is making a very special effort to keep Henry Fawcett enrolled in school. They have applied to the Board of Christian Education for a special scholarship for him. The students and faculty of Sheldon Jackson have added funds to this deserving student to make it possible for him to complete this year's work. Henry is originally from Metlakatla, graduated from Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

SAMUEL SIMMONDS' CONDITION STILL UNKNOWN..... We have been notified that Samuel Simmonds, Eskimo Special Student at San Anselmo, may have TB. He has been flown to Anchorage for observation. Word has not been released as to his actual condition. It is of special note that Samuel's wife, Hester, is a victim of TB. Let our Churches pray for this family.

INTERIM PASTORS OF NORTHERN LIGHT TRAVELING..... The Paul McConkeys are on a World Tour and send their warm greetings from Hawaii. Paul and Ruth are telling the story of Alaskan Missions wherever they go. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Calhoun have written from Phoenix, Arizona (3509 Camelback Road) that they are preparing to build a home in that city.

PRESBYTERIES TO MEET IN MARCH..... Presbytery of the Yukon Meeting March 4-7 at Palmer, Alaska, so that the ministers and laymen may participate in the opening of the Valley Presbyterian Hospital. Miss Elsie R. Penfield, Secretary of Women's Work, will be present for this meeting. Dr. Jackman and Dr. Armstrong will then fly to Hoonah for the meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska March 11-14.

EXPLORATION TO GUSTAVUS..... March 28 has been set as the date for visiting Gustavus to help in the organizational work in the Sunday School. A request has come from this station (CAA) for help and planning toward a Vacation Bible School this summer.

WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM RESOURCES..... We suggest pastors interested in developing Junior High Westminster Fellowship write to "Young People's Work," Board of Christian Education, 1100 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7. They have prepared a four-page mimeographed bulletin with interesting material that may be purchased to help with the program.

WORD FROM FRED TELECKY..... The Teleckys are now working at Vinton, Iowa. Fred has been responsible for sending two gifts to the Mission to help in Sunday School and Children's Work. His latest letter said: "I am enclosing \$10 from our Trail Blazer Junior Club. Could you use it for some Children's Work? People seem very interested in Alaska. Penny and I have shown our slides on many occasions."

TRIP AROUND THE FIELD..... Elmer Parker of Hydaburg recently held a Congregational meeting at Craig. Elmer has ordered material to complete the basement of the Hydaburg manse. Arthur Johnson of Klawock reports the purchase of logs to be processed through the local lumber mill. They plan to get a good bit of work done on the new Church by Spring.

The PRINCETON HALL with Capt. Dick Nelson took Ron and Pat Snelling into the West Coast for Bible Rally and Evangelistic Services. The Tri-Town Rally at Hydaburg reported over 300 in attendance. Mayreld Swanson recently conducted Church Service at Metlakatla, and the Protestant Service at Annette Air Base. While in Metlakatla, Mrs. Swanson held a conference with Mrs. Marietta Benson on the work of the Presbyterial.

John Grissett has not been able to cover Kasaan because of inclement weather, but we believe John has enough work to keep him busy preaching Sunday morning at Ketchikan and Sunday evenings at Metlakatla, and twice a month at the Air Base. Paul Evans is anxiously awaiting the clearance on a Station Wagon for Wrangell. Many gifts from the Outside are helping in this project. Paul has an addition to the Church Work--the Wrangell Institute.

Andrew Gamble and the men of the Church of Kake have done a fine job on the interior finishing of their new Educational Building. The recent rededication of the building created widespread Community interest. Angoon is having a fast and interesting change of leadership. Philip Williams has gone to Haines as Night Watchman. Mayreld Swanson has taken over the work for two weeks in preparation for the coming of the George Burdicks on April 1.

Memorial Presbyterian Church of Juneau must have been very proud of their pastor, Dr. Walter Soboleff, in the way he conducted the Installation Service for Dr. Malcolm Sweet. We are seeking a small building for Walter so that he might carry on additional work at Douglas. The Chapel-by-the-Lake has supported for another year the program known in the Juneau Area as "YOU AND THE CHURCH." Randy McCluggage works hard at this program and shows real aptitude in his radio ministry.

George Betts of Hoonah reports the entire town frozen up with a great deal of difficulty encountered by the residents of the Village. He claims everything will be in readiness for the Presbytery Meeting in March. We are informed that Yakutat can be made available to the Board as soon as personnel can be provided. Word from Win Ware at Faith indicates about two months' work on their building to bring it to completion. Authorization has been given by the Board to contract architectural service for designing the Hillcrest Church for Government Hill.

The statistics for Woodland Park show a marked advance in numbers and finances, making this one of the most prosperous years in their young history. Frank Walkup of First Church, Anchorage, along with Laura Joyce, have helped in a Community-wide Institute of Christian Education. Brian Cleworth tells of the remarkable work of the Wasilla Church in completing their building program. He has also been most enthusiastic in making arrangements for the opening of the new Valley Presbyterian Hospital.

FIELD TRIP continued.....

Lowell Campbell of Gamble will be present for the Presbytery of the Yukon Meeting, and we expect Betty to accompany him. Betty expects to stay in the Anchorage area for a month to six weeks. Alice Green is making plans for her furlough. Roy Ahmaogak tells that at the close of the Christmas Festival, he was kept busy with the closing of pledges and payments for the year 1953. The Church has oversubscribed the Board's request for the Pastor's support. "Where the money comes the Lord alone knows. The economic situation here is still the same with no employment." Bill Wartes is planning to attend Presbytery, and plans are under way to see if a larger plane might be made available for his ministry.

Ed Diehl reports that they are completing the work on the manse. His reports show travel towards the Canadian Border, down the Tok cutoff towards Glen Allen and up to Chicken, covering about 450 miles of the highway system. Ralph Weeks is spending more time in the Fairbanks area with Service personnel. He is still carrying the heavy burden of ministering to the people at Big Delta.

Tom Tweedie has had some discussions with several of the Regents of the University. Indications point up to some forward steps in Religious Emphasis at the University Campus. President E. Patty knows Dr. D. Cowie and is to have a conference with him in regards to Religious Emphasis. Paul Evans could not make the Installation Service at Northern Light because of bad weather, but Hank Hartman from Haines got in on Friday afternoon. Henry reports the Church is ready to purchase a Baldwin Organ to be delivered about March 1.

Word reaching us from Bert Rutan at Skagway tells of the organization of a Women's Association and an increase in the support of the program and worship services. Sheldon Jackson Junior College has invited Vic Alfsen of First Church, Fairbanks, to be their Spiritual Emphasis Speaker. The recent meeting of the Advisory Committee of SJJC indicates some forward moving steps in the life of the school. Reports from Haines House indicate that the Herman Turners are leaving and that Mrs. Ralph Mitchell, Cedar Falls, Iowa, has been added to the Staff.

CHILD CARE AT THE MANSE..... An interesting reprint from PARENT'S Magazine is entitled "Discipline, What is It?" This may be purchased from 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York 17.

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PRESBYTERIES OF ALASKA AND YUKON

An Alaskan Newsletter Presbyterian U.S.A.

A GOOD TIME TO REMEMBER:..... The Easter Season gives each Pastor an opportunity to do personal evangelism as well as his pulpit presentation. Let us set personal goals for interviews with individuals and families. Let us be sure that in our zeal to bring new people into the Church we do not take in numbers instead of men and women prepared adequately for Church Membership. Communicant Classes are becoming more popular than ever before. The Easter Season can be a time of recruitment for these classes. Dates can be set later for admission to Church Membership. Let us remember that a review of all individual qualifications for membership is the duty of the Session of the Church.

PRESBYTERY WORK BECOMES MORE ACTIVE:..... At the recent Presbytery Meetings of Yukon and Alaska, there was evidence of greater activity on the part of Presbyteries Committees. National Missions Committees had complete review of every Field. Christian Education came up with standards for camping and laid out plans for Fall Programs for Education.

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL DEDICATED MARCH 6:..... Representatives of the Board of National Missions, Community, Territorial and Federal Agencies participated in the dedication of the Valley Presbyterian Hospital. Miss Elsie Penfield, Representative of the Women's Division of the Presbyterian Church, explained the efforts of the denomination in raising their \$232,000 for the project. Drs. Albrecht and Bloomquist represented the Territory and the United States Public Health Service, explaining their participation in the building project. A great deal of credit goes to Edwin Crittendon, Architect, and "Kelly" Foss, Contractor, for a most remarkable job of designing and construction. Everyone who participated in the financing of this project can be very happy in the way their money has been used.

LLOYD MORLEY APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR FOR VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL:..... Lloyd Morley, who has been active in Church Work and is an Elder of First Church at Anchorage, has been appointed Administrator for the new \$700,000 Valley Presbyterian Hospital. He will leave Anchorage for his new duties in Palmer April 15. Mr. Morley has lived in Anchorage for the past 14 years with the exception of 2 years of Service in the Navy. He has been a Sanitarian with the Alaska Department of Health. At the present time he is a member of Kiwanis, President of the Board of Directors of Kings Lake Camp, Inc., head of the Board of Anchorage Swimming Pool Association, Inc., a member of the Board of Advisors for Sheldon Jackson Junior College. He has recently been nominated by Dr. Herman N. Morse to be a Trustee of the Alaska Christian Educational Foundation.

MISSIONARY WORTH TWO MILLION:..... Last summer Mrs. Earle J. Woodberry stopped over in Anchorage to visit Alaskan Work. In her enthusiasm she signed up for a trip to Point Barrow with a seminar conducted by Dr. J. Earl Jackman. A recent news item from Seoul, Korea, indicates that Mrs. Woodberry's husband has been described by a "high-ranking American Officer" as being "worth \$2 million in propaganda value to the United Nations' Cause." The Rev. Mr. Woodberry's ministry has been to Chinese prisoners of war in U. S. custody. He said in an interview, "Only God can say how many (of the prisoners) truly became Christians. But we had strict requirements

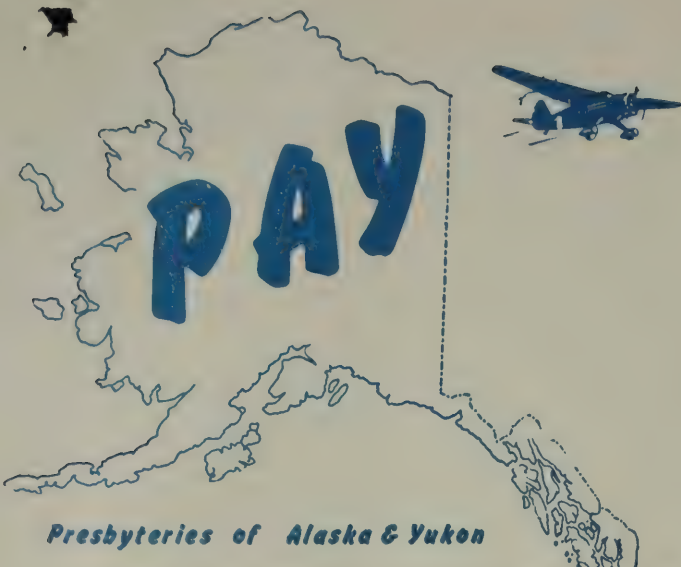
for conversion. The prisoners had to pass courses of instruction in what they call 'Jesus faith.'" Only 2% of these men chose to return to Communist China; 13,500 soldiers embraced the Christian faith during their confinement (13,000 became Protestants, the rest Catholics). Our missionaries who met Mrs. Woodberry will be interested to know that they hope to continue their ministry in Formosa with the freed Chinese.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE FIELD:..... HAINES, ALASKA, reports the dedication of the new Baldwin Electronic Organ, Model 5. Sixty-five voices from 5 choirs led the congregation in "Holy, Holy, Holy." A series of musical vespers are planned for Lent with organ music and old-fashioned hymn singing. The YOUTH SYNOD for Westminster Fellowship will be held at Whitworth College at Spokane June 21 through 25. There will be work shops in each program area. The theme will be, "Thy Presence My Light." If you have young people in the area at this time, have them sign up for this activity. LOWELL and BETTY CAMPBELL arrived March 5 in the Anchorage area to attend the Presbytery of the Yukon. Lowell will be preaching at Palmer March 28. He will use this as an opportunity for conference with BRIAN CLEWORTH. It is anticipated that Brian will aid in the Tappock Youth Camp on St. Lawrence Island. Word received here indicated that Lowell has stayed in Anchorage an extra two weeks anticipating surgery on little "Mickey," their adopted son. Through the courtesy of a Christian friend, money has been made available for a mimeograph and supplies to set up ED and HELEN DIEHL in the printing business. With 450 miles of road to cover, they expect to publish a small paper to aid them in their promotional work on the highway. BERT and MABEL BINGLE are due to go through Juneau on March 24 enroute to the States for their furlough. They will include General Assembly and the National Meeting for Women at Purdue. TOM and MARGE TWEEDIE will be covering the railroad work in addition to the work at College. MR. TOM MORGAN (Juneau), MRS. TED BENSON (Metlakatla), MR. LLOYD MORLEY (Anchorage) and DR. ARMSTRONG (Juneau) have been nominated Trustees, representing the Board of National Missions, to the Alaska Christian Educational Foundation, recently formed.

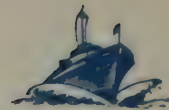
DON SCHWAB ASSIGNED TO "PRINCETON HALL":..... National Missions Committee concurred with a suggestion of Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary for the Department of Work in Alaska, in assigning Rev. Donald Schwab as the minister-at-large to serve on the "Princeton Hall." Mr. Schwab has resigned his position as Director at Haines House effective the end of May. This will give the "Princeton Hall" a permanent crew of three with Dick Nelson as Captain and Don Kahklen as Helper and Engineer.

PETERSBURG CHURCH DEDICATED MONDAY, MARCH 15:..... The boats, the "Theo" skippered by Ted Benson and the "Princeton Hall," took some members of the Presbytery of Alaska to Petersburg for the dedication of the sanctuary. Those represented on the program for the evening included Rev. Paul Evans, Stated Clerk, who had helped in preliminary planning for the new church; Rev. John Grissett, who was assigned for a limited time as a helper to Rev. Mr. Snelling; and the pastor, Rev. Ronald Snelling, who had been the planner and the builder for the new church. The Presbytery was represented by its Moderator, Rev. Arthur Johnson, and the Board of National Missions by Dr. Jackman and Dr. Armstrong.

BOOK SUGGESTIONS:..... Westminster Bookstores are recommending "Planned Preaching" by C. M. Gibson, publication date April 12; "Anthems for the Junior Choir, Book 3," a collection of anthems, music for special occasions and material for choric speech.



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THE CHAIN OF COMMAND

"Take your share of suffering.....
No soldier on service gets entangled
in civilian pursuits, since his aim is
to satisfy the one who enlisted him."
II Timothy 3a & 4

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The words "Chain of Command" have become familiar in Alaska with the invasion of the military forces. Many times during our conferences and talks with one another we refer to "Chain of Command" in the work of the Church and the Board of National Missions. All of these discussions come from a sincere desire that we work through the right channels at the right time.

In the "Chain of Command" of all of our lives, it is necessary that we place our loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ as Number I, and our personal commitment to our reading and study of the Word of God as Number II. I would place as the next step in the "Chain of Command" of personal loyalty, the prayers of intercession that must go up in the altar of the pastor's study for his officers, his people, and the un-churched in his community.

We hear the statement so often that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. I am more certain than ever before that if as pastors we visited our flock, we would know their problems and we could pray and preach more intelligently. There is little need of visiting the homes of people who are troubled by the world's tensions if we have not followed the "Chain of Command" items Number I and II.

Let us seek during these days ahead to put our primary emphasis on our own family altars, personal devotions, and prayers of intercession. Out of our hearts will shine forth the fact that we have been with our Creator.

KETCHIKAN VOTES ON TWO IMPORTANT ISSUES:..... Rev. John Grissett moderated a congregational meeting of the Ketchikan Church on April 26. The congregation voted that the Church should be relocated in Ketchikan in a strategic downtown area. A unanimous call was given by the congregation to Mr. Paul Moser, a student at San Anselmo Seminary. Mr. Moser and his wife, Lillian, are well qualified for this church. Mr. Moser's home is Corvallis, Oregon; his wife comes from Hollywood, California.

METLAKATLA CALLS REV. ROLAND ROSSON:..... Easter Sunday was the occasion for the Session of the Metlakatla Church to give a call to Roland B. Rosson. He is now serving the Presbyterian Church in Industrial City, Missouri. He is a classmate of John Grissett's, graduating from Duke University in 1947 and completed his Seminary work at Yale Divinity, 1951. His wife, Barbara, has also completed a year of seminary training at Yale. He has had a great deal of experience in inter-racial work and comes with very high recommendations.... Rev. Alfred Swogger, formerly pastor of the Metlakatla Church is serving as supply until Mr. Rosson's arrival.

VITAL STATISTICS:..... Born to Mickey and Betty CAMPBELL on Thursday, April 29, a boy 7 lbs. 8-3/4 oz. We are thrilled to report that Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, parents of Betty Campbell were able to come to Anchorage to be with their daughter, Betty. Mickey returned to his Church at Gambell following Presbytery, but we surmise that during the last few weeks he was haunting the radio shack!

HOONAH CALLS FOR RECORDS:.....

Rev. George Betts reports a newly installed Public Address System for the Hoonah Church. Part of the Easter Service was broadcast over the loud speakers. In the future recordings of chimes will be used. Anyone having access to good chimes records may add them to the Hoonah record library by mailing them to the pastor.

SIGNS OF THE (CHURCH) TIMES:.....

Rev. Edward Diehl, Highway Chaplain on the Alaska Road System, is having Church Signs prepared to tell tourists of services at the Tok Chapel. These signs are being prepared from Alaska-made plywood by the silk screen method. In addition to this publicity, Mr. Diehl is having calling cards printed and track racks will be installed in tourist camps and road houses.

90 REVISED STANDARD VERSIONS GIVEN BY CALDWELL BIBLE CLASS, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS:.....

This wide-awake women's class has been providing Bibles for a number of years, but this recent shipment tops all of their efforts. Bibles have been distributed to Dr. Walter Soboleff, to the Alaska Native Service Hospital in Juneau, while others go to Rev. Elwood Hunter for his work at Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital. Another consignment of Bibles will go to the Valley Presbyterian Hospital where the Rev. Brian Cleworth, Chaplain, will place them in the newly-established Christian Literature Library.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE FIELD:..... WOODLAND PARK members under REV. HACKETT JOHNSON, drove to Tok to install plumbing in Ed Diehl's log house. Postscript--On the return trip a rock punctured Hackett's oil pan--a rebuild job on the motor. MEMORIAL CHURCH has been advised that they have a small appropriation to help in furnishing a basement beneath the sanctuary of the church. DR. WALTER SOBOLEFF, pastor, reports that he has had five 15-minute Thlinget broadcasts on World and Local News. The Memorial Church Choir visited Kake aboard the "Princeton Hall." Dr. Soboleff reported while on this trip ten infant baptisms and seven new members being admitted to the church. MR. ANDREW GAMBLE, pastor-lay worker at KAKE, has been fortunate this winter in the services of MR. AND MRS. WILLY DUGUQUA. They have organized a 25-voice Junior Choir.

ANGOON has their new lay worker, GEORGE BURDICK. George and Lorraine record a rousing welcome by the Village. MR. SAM JOHNSON, retired National Missions worker, gave the official greetings. During the last two weeks of this month they had 9 fire alarms. The power plant was one unit that burned to the ground. Fortunately the National Missions' gas generator had been flown to Juneau from Anchorage to accompany the Burdicks on their initial trip to Angoon. REV. RALPH WEEKS has announced the purchase of a fine corner lot near the triangle at BIG DELTA. This lot is easily accessible to water and power. This will be the location for the new Service Men's Center. REV. TOM TWEEDIE is serving part time as a Railroad Chaplain during the furlough period of the REV. B. J. BINGLE. FIRST CHURCH ANCHORAGE, is finishing their old sanctuary into a beautiful all-purpose Youth Room. A stage has been erected with outlets for Hammond Organ speakers, drapes, dimmer for lights, etc. Attractive and rich colors have been used throughout. The REV. FRANK J. WALKUP is busy installing a modern church kitchen which includes dish washer, automatic coffee makers, etc.

REV. VICTOR ALFSEN, Pastor, FIRST CHURCH FAIRBANKS, revealed recently plans for the Church erection of a \$90,000.00 Youth Building on the location of the old manse. This old building was built during the time of DR. S. HALL YOUNG. It is proposed that the new construction be of reinforced concrete with the initial unit being two stories high. The MOUNTAIN VIEW property held by the PRESBYTERY OF THE YUKON for future church work has been sold for \$66,500.00. The Strategy Committee in the Anchorage Area will determine what future locations should be used for new church development. YAKUTAT-- letters have been written by the Mission Covenant President, Theodore W. Anderson, to the people of Yakutat explaining the proposed action of the transfer of the Yakutat Church to the Presbyterian's denomination. Final action on this proposal will be taken in June of this year.

THE CHRISTIAN REFORM CHURCH has broken ground in Anchorage on their new church. This denomination has applied for ground in the Fairbanks area. There will be a close working relationship with this denomination, and they will find a warm welcome into the work of the Territory. HAINES and KLUKWAN CHOIRS joined for an Easter Cantata. THE MINISTERS' LIFE AND CASUALTY UNION has made a final settlement with MRS. HARRY SEVERSON in the amount of \$1,000.00. Their original decision was contested by the Presbytery of Alaska.

WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP ASSEMBLY: ★

Gifts from Women's Societies and Churches in Southeastern Alaska to help delegates at the Westminster Fellowship Assembly now total over \$100.00. All gifts from Southeastern Alaska designated for this work should be mailed at once to Box 2539, Juneau.

CURTAINS FOR WRANGELL: ★

Rev. Paul Evans reported that the Wrangell Church was the only bidder for velvet drapes from the school auditorium. These drapes have been made into a wine dossal curtain placed behind the picture of Christ in the Sanctuary. That low bid was \$30.00. If you need velvet, you might find it profitable to write Wrangell.

THE ARMSTRONGS' ITINERARY: ★

The Armstrongs will leave for Seattle May 8; for Canon City, Colorado on May 9. On May 15 for Chicago; and Detroit on May 17. General Assembly address will be care of The Detrouiter. Until June 5 the Armstrongs may be reached at the Presbyterian Women's Meeting, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. At the writing of this bulletin it is not certain that the Prince George Cruise will take place. All communications after June 5 should be addressed to Juneau.

AN ALTAR CALL WITH RESULTS: ★

At the Sunrise Service at Hydagurg, Rev. Elmer Parker was led to announce an altar call. This Easter morning service was blessed by 7 responding to the invitation. We wonder how many churches in the Continental United States or Alaska started off the Resurrection Day with such an appeal!





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ARCTIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEEDS FUNDS

Three more students from Barrow will be admitted to the Sheldon Jackson Junior College for the Fall Term. The Travel Fund is now down to \$100.00. Roland Wurster wrote recently saying "The last time we accepted the Barrow girls with no money--but sufficient gifts came in the same day."

DELEGATE BARTLETT REPORTS ON HILLCREST PROPERTY

The Presbyterian Church has been authorized under HR 2016 to purchase property from The Alaska Railroad Reserve on Government Hill, Anchorage. This action by Congress will facilitate the building of the Government Hill unit. Rev. Winthrop Ware, Service Pastor for Anchorage will be in charge of the work on Government Hill, along with his other duties in the Anchorage area.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MAY PURCHASE RECREATION SITES

Gov. B. Frank Heintzleman states that authority has been granted to sell or lease Alaskan lands to non-profit organizations for recreational or other public purposes. The Governor stated that proof that the lands will be used for its intended purpose will bring a lease of 20 years, renewable at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior. No more than 640 acres may be conveyed to one grantee.

PAY NOTE: Extra copies of this news sheet are available for members of the Session or officers of the Church. This will be sent in bulk for distribution. Please advise the Juneau Ofc. the number you need.

NEW RADIO STATION TO BEAM THE GOSPEL

Dedication of Radio Station KSEW was held during the Prince George Cruise. Besides the dedication of the station, the staff was introduced:

Gen. Manager: Herman Boles, from Argyle, Texas, with his wife and three children.

Chief Engineer: The Rev. Hendrick Van Dyke, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, with their four children.

Program Director: Mr. Elliott Robertson who is accompanied by his mother from Stanhope, New Jersey.

NEW FILMS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE

The latest addition to the film library will be "Church of the Empty Cross," now being shown in the Ketchikan and West Coast areas through Rev. John Grissett, & "Korean Victory," being used on the highway system by the Rev. Edward Diehl.

SEMINARY STUDENT TO COVER CHURCH SERVICES AT MCKINLEY PARK HOTEL

Pastors who will have parishioners vacationing at McKinley Resort should advise their people that Stanford A. Davis, Seminary Student at San Anselmo, will be working at McKinley Park Hotel. He will have charge of church services and other events of a religious nature during his summer internship.

ELWOOD HUNTER HAS RESIGNED FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT SITKA

after many years of faithful service. He is now Chairman of National Missions for the Presbytery of Alaska.

FIELD NOTES: Word was received at the Juneau Office this week that PHILLIP WILLIAMS has resigned as Night Watchman at HAINES HOUSE. He has not indicated any of his future plans.

. SHELDON JACKSON reports that CLIFFORD A. WILCOX JR. will be the new Dean for the Junior College. He has been living at Huntington, N.Y. A further addition to the staff is PAUL A. BIGGINS, of San Jose, Calif. He is accompanied by his wife and son Dean Edwin. He will have the position of Music Teacher. They have recently completed a trip around the World. We feel certain that they come to Sheldon Jackson to fulfill the Will of God for their own lives. HAINES HOUSE:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holder have been added to the staff. He will act as Maintenance Man. HARPER C. DONALDSON, recently of our MENAUL SCHOOL at Albuquerque is the Interim Executive of Haines House. A number of young people are to work with the Rev. HENRY HARTMAN on the Church grounds and at RAINBOW GLACIER CAMP. BERT RUTAN reports the close of a high school class on "Marriage and Family Life," and presentation to the family of a beautiful set of steak knives from the class, School Board, and teachers. KLAWOCK reports via ARTHUR JOHNSON that many of his people have gone halibut fishing, and adds that DR. LYNN McCLENNY has gone to Seattle for the summer. The Klawock building project has been temporarily discontinued since all the men are out fishing. PALMER reports from BRIAN CLEWORTH indicate the average attendance for the month of May was 130 as over 105 of a year ago. It is to be noted that WASILLA attendance is up. TOM TWEEDIE reports a busy schedule carrying on work on the University Community Presbyterian Church and at the coal mines of USIBELLI & SUNTRANA. He has also served the Railroad points of HEALY and MCKINLEY.

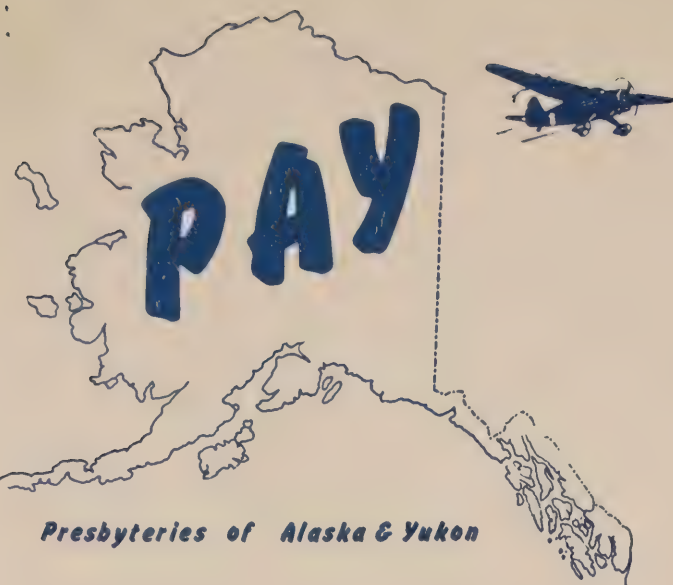
Work is progressing on the University Manse in preparation for the coming of the new pastor, JOHN C. STOKES. BERT BINGLE has had several X-Rays of his hip. Bert's friends will know this has bothered him for many years. They expect to return to their field on the Alaska Railroad towards the end of the summer. Final arrangements have been made between the Board of National Missions and the FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH for the coming of a new pastor, JOHN F. SEIBERT. He will be ordained in his home Presbytery in Illinois, and arrives in ANCHORAGE with his family about the middle of July. An interesting letter is in the mail from FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FAIRBANKS, requesting the help of the Congregation in the financing of their new Youth Center and Educational Plant.

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL: LLOYD MORLEY, our Administrator, tells us that the statistical report of the past month shows that the admissions are up to 103, some 34 over April 1954. Patient days have also increased from 310 to 551, an increase of 241 days. RALPH WEEKS' reports show continued work at BIG DELTA and good attendance at the Helmsmen's Club. This Club was originated by Mr. Weeks as a contact point for servicemen's families in the FAIRBANKS area.

MAYRELD SWANSON is conducting a Vacation Bible School at GUSTAVUS, and has 9 young people conducting Vacation Bible Schools in the Southeastern area. The BURDICKS of ANGOON post "PAY" on the Church Bulletin Board.

BILL WARTES OF BARROW ON FURLOUGH:

Much concern was expressed over the safety of Bill Wartes following a headline in the Anchorage DAILY NEWS which read: "ARCTIC MISSIONARY VANISHES." Our flying missionary and his Piper Pacer loaded with supplies let down on the Colville River Flats for services. Nasty weather with the visibility of an 8th of a mile shrouded the plane. Later reports from Mr. Wartes indicated that his radio was not working, and it was 3 days before contact was made with the "outside" world. Mr. Wartes and his family are vacationing in Seattle prior to extensive speaking engagements in the States. Their Seattle address is 3833 Sunnyside.



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ALASKA AWAITS VISIT OF MODERATOR AND SECRETARY.

Both the Presbytery of Yukon and the Presbytery of Alaska will act as hosts to Dr. and Mrs. Waldo Lloyd at the spring meetings. Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary for the work in Alaska, will accompany them. Dr. Jackman will also spend much time with the missionaries in carrying out advanced planning. Dr. Lloyd is the out-

standing authority on the movement toward union of the Presbyterian USA, Presbyterian US and United Presbyterian Churches. He is also President of Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn.

NEWS FROM THE TOP OF THE WORLD (Barrow - Rev. Wm. Wartes)
Radar crews have swelled the population of the northern slope. The Session of the Barrow church has voted to try reaching the men through a special design of service. The Arctic Messenger II is ready for operation and sits close by the manse. Samuel Simmonds is recovering from T.B. and is back near full time schedule in assisting at Barrow. Samuel's wife is in the San. Many polar bear have been shot at Barrow this winter.

DOWN WAINWRIGHT WAY (Rev. R. Ahmaogak)

From ninety miles south of Barrow comes word of the death of Mrs. Walter Nayakik. Many will remember Elder Nayakik as the Commissioner to General Assembly at Detroit.

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA (Rev. John Stokes)

A Christian youth group under the University Pastor meets regularly at President Patty's home. A contract is being drawn up between the College Church and the Fairbanks Independent School District for an educational addition to the Church.

NEW AND ATTRACTIVE SANCTUARY (Fairbanks - Rev. V. Alfsen)

Plans are being completed on a new and modern sanctuary for First of Fairbanks. This will be the most modern church near the Arctic Circle. "Vic" Alfsen is now known as the unofficial chaplain for KFAR-TV.

BIG DELTA COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER NEARS COMPLETION - (Rev.

N. Munro) Several members of the Presbytery of Yukon spent a day at Delta helping in the completion of the Service Center. This log building is attractive and well built. Ralph Weeks, former service chaplain is now at Woodland Park, Anchorage.

DIEHL RETURNS TO TOK (Alaska Highway - Rev. Ed. Diehl)

The Presbytery of Yukon and many friends in Alaska were relieved to know of the return of Ed Diehl from Mayo Clinic after an extensive examination and treatment. Ed and Helen are back on the job after an absence of about three weeks.

ANCHORAGE CHURCHES

FIRST - (Rev. F. J. Walkup) This church was host to the newly formed Anchorage branch of the UCYM. Over eighty worked with Mrs. Laura Joyce, 1st Church Youth Worker, to make it an outstanding success.

WOODLAND PARK (Rev. R. Weeks) An educational building is nearing completion, with increasing numbers attending worship. The Weeks have had three members of a moose family in their front yard.

FAITH - (Rev. John Seibert) Faith Church is in the middle of a growing suburban business district. The church is being completed and services are showing marked increase in attendance. A Mariners Club in the church is meeting on Saturday nights.

HILLCREST - (Rev. W. Ware) Following an operation necessitated by an injury on the job building a church, Win Ware is back on the job. Hillcrest, the church built in a day, is being finished in time for the arrival of Moderator R. W. Lloyd.

ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND PARISH (Gambell-Rev. L. Campbell) Mr. Campbell has been vigorous in seeking relief from the food shortage of his Eskimo people. The Campbells go on furlough this year. \$20,000 has been appropriated by the National Board for a new church to replace the one built by Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

(Savoonga - Miss L. Avery) Miss Avery has recorded some interesting experiences in the prayer life of her Eskimos. These people give evidence of complete devotion to the Creator. Miss Avery is a fine replacement for Alice Green who served at Savoonga for two terms.

JUNEAU AREA SHOWING REMARKABLE ACTIVITY.....

(Juneau Memorial, Dr. W. Soboleff) An addition of a basement under the sanctuary is being completed. New officers at the church included two from the Princeton-Hall--Dick Nelson and Dan Kahklen. Both were elected to eldership in this church, having already been ordained.

(Northern Light, Dr. Malcolm Sweet) The church completed an outstanding financial campaign for 1955 and have appointed a group to study the extension of their building for Christian Education and possible offices for the Board of National Missions.

(Auke Bay, Chapel-by-the-Lake: Rev. R. McCluggage) Several weeks ago the men of the area were alerted to show up at the building site for placing the roof on the beautiful log structure built this last year. Mr. McCluggage, ill for several months, is showing improvement.

VILLAGE NEWS OF IMPORTANCE:

George Burdick of Angoon reports that their manse is showing signs of improvement after months of construction. Rev. George Betts reports that the

Trustees have cleaned the Sanctuary and did a good job on this piece of work. A rummage supply from the Princeton Hall turned a food sale into a field day for the people of Hoonah. Kake-Andrew Gambell reports that work is moving forward on their sanctuary to redecorate it. Klawock, Craig, and Hydaburg have had another Bible Rally for the three villages. It is expected that a work team from the States will aid in the completion of the Klawock church. Mr. Parker of Hydaburg has been ill with an infected leg. John Grissett of Craig has repeated his visits to Hollis logging camp and the village of Kasaan. Arthur Johnson of Klawock reports the ordering of curriculum material for their Church School. Rev. and Mrs. Roland Rosson, along with Paul Moser, were aboard the Princeton Hall on a recent exploration trip into Hyder and Stewart, B.C. The Rossons are located at Metlakatla.

YAKUTAT TO BE NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

Rev. and Mrs. Claude Klaver are doing a fine job of opening this field that is new to our denomination. The Klavers now have a new four wheel drive Jeep. This needed in a field where CAA, Coast Guard, and Logging operations are miles away from the village. Yakutat has 240 people.

MRS. MAYRELD SWANSON has gone south because of her father's death. Mrs. Swanson has charge of Christian Education for the Presbytery of Alaska and directs the summer student work.

PETERSBURG PASTOR TRAVELS.

In an effort to tie Kake to the people of Petersburg, Rev. R. Snelling has been acting as Moderator for the village church. Recently Mr. Snelling and Dr. Armstrong attended the opening of the new Petersburg Hospital.

REV. PAUL EVANS reports that his officers are interested in the advance planning needed for a new addition to their present building. Although this may be some time in the future the possible opening of a pulp mill will activate the population and expand their activities. Mr. Evans continues to serve the Presbyterian Young people at Wrangell Institute. The new station wagon is being pressed into good service.

KETCHIKAN PEOPLE ANXIOUS FOR THE NEXT MOVE ON THE PART OF THE BOARD. Rev. Paul Moser has surveyed many sites within Ketchikan as possible locations for a new church. Discussions show that inflation is one great hindrance to the advance of the program. As soon as the Capital Building Funds money is released for this project some firm step can be taken to locate the new site. It is planned that there will be but one congregation. No plan is being made at present for the disposition of the old property. Rev. George Beck, dean of Alaskan missionaries, continues in good health. He is the only retired Presbyterian pastor living in Alaska.

SHELDON JACKSON JUNIOR COLLEGE NEWS:

President Roland Wurster and Dean Clifford Wilcox are visiting at Santa Fe's Allison James Junior High School. This is the meeting of executives of the

Department of Educational and Medical Work. Word from Miss Katharine Gladfelter announces that \$20,000 is being released for a teachers apartment building on the campus. Extensive work is being planned in restudying grounds and buildings in anticipation for future additions to the campus. The Princeton Hall and the SJS II will carry the SJ choir to several points in southeast Alaska during March. Enroute to Santa Fe, Dean Wilcox is attending a Civil Air Patrol meeting in Salt Lake.

HAINES HOUSE

Allan Frank, Executive of the home, indicates that several projects are taking shape. The small child's room has been redecorated and book cases are being built as dividers between sleeping and play area. The carpenter shop is being moved to the basement of the Girl's Dorm. The rabbit project has started with two batches of small ones. This project is to be a demonstration that the children may follow out in returning to the villages. Word has been received that Jack Musterman, farmer, will not return. The home will be seeking a replacement.

K 1	Rev. Hendrick Van Dyke, Manager of KSEW reports the installa-
S 4	tion of some of the most modern equipment available for the
E 0	station. Recording machines have been placed at the Junior Col-
W 0	lege and the choir has already begun their recording of special
	numbers under Mr. Paul Biggins.

Programs are wanted from fields and a special place is left open for contributions from the churches.

Mr. C. Tubby has just been appointed by the BNM to be in charge of advertising and related duties. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Tubby to this new relationship with us in the Alaskan work.

SKAGWAY reports from Rev. Bert Rutan show that the community hall has had a new floor. This improvement was made to provide a place for roller skating.

THE HARTMANS tell of additions to their family as a result of illness in one of the church families. Mrs. Hartman has temporarily adopted a family to make more rapid recovery possible for one of their families. Henry has had Klukwan added to his already busy schedule with Mrs. Swanson's call to the states.

UNITED PROTESTANT IN PALMER (Rev. Brian Cleworth) has completed the addition of a beautiful new entrance to the church. With the use of corrugated plastic glass, lights and ivy the narthex has been created and made an inviting entrance to the sanctuary. The kitchen has also been completed in the church basement.

WASILLA

recently held a pot luck dinner for the Field Representative. After a

regretted late arrival, a get together was held in the sanctuary. These folk are to be commended in their persistent effort to improve the ministry to the Wasilla locality. Rev. Brian Cleworth many times commutes to his early service by plane.

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL,

Lloyd Morley, Administrator, tells us of the addition of a stand-by electric generation house and equipment. This project was completed with local help. Rev. B. Cleworth, Chaplain for the Hospital, did the electrical work on this new addition.

RAILBELT CHURCH,

Rev. B. J. Bingle, continues to show progress despite changes in the operation of the railroad and some uncertainty as to the location of some personnel. Mr. Bingle plans to build a chapel during the summer months at the Suntrana Coal Mine. A certificate of permission for construction is awaited from the government.

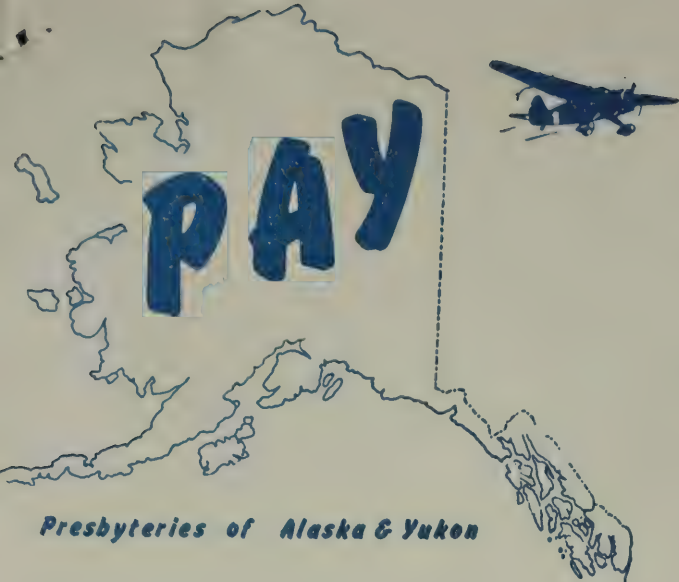
WHY ALL OF THE EFFORT TO MAN FIELDS AND DO SO MANY THINGS? ?

The main pressure behind the Alaska Mission project of the Board of National Missions is to bring men, women and children to the Person of Jesus Christ. If people are confronted with the Person then it will become personal. Nothing short of this tremendous introduction of individuals to the Saviour will do.

THE PRINCETON HALL CONTINUES TO EXPAND THE AREA OF MINISTRY IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA.

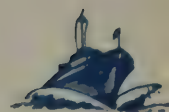
When Captain Dick Nelson and Rev. Donald Schwab pull into an isolated spot they are seeking out those who are cut off and isolated from the active ministry of the church. Dan Kahklen, the Helper on shipboard, has applied for full mission status with the Board. These three men are away week after week in the task of bringing their Floating Church into contact with people in the brush.

Have you and your church groups discussed the possible replacement of the Princeton Hall? Remember each trip takes more out of the craft. It will have to be replaced soon. "WANT TO BUY A BOAT FOR THE LORD'S WORK," a good pamphlet is available from Dr. Jackman's office.



Presbyteries of Alaska & Yukon

HOLDING FORTH THE WORD



MAY, 1955

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA benevolences are recovering from a slump as indicated in the report at Juneau by Dr. Soboleff, chairman of S & P:

<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
5332	6110	5940	10,827

It was pointed out that this did not include Women's Organization giving. Four churches in the presbytery have now adopted Youth Budget.

PRINCETON HALL PUBLICITY.. Did you note the well-written article reprinted from the annual report of Dick Nelson, Captain of the P/H? It was in "Monday Morning for Ministers." The Presbytery of Alaska has organized a finance committee to work with National Missions and SJ on raising funds for the new mission ship and the new student center at Sheldon Jackson.

THE HOSPITAL MINISTRY is pointed up in the Presbyteries' organization of work in Alaska. The following are assigned to special work and should be contacted when patients are admitted to one of these institutions.

	Alaska Native Service, Anchorage	Rev. John Seibert
	Valley Presbyterian Hospital	Rev. Brian Cleworth
##	Providence Hospital, Anchorage	Rev. R. Weeks
##	St. Josephs, Fairbanks	Rev. J. Stokes
#####	Alaska Native Service, Juneau.....	Rev. W. Soboleff
##	St. Ann, Juneau	Rev. M. Sweet
##	Alaska Native Service &	
##	City of Sitka Hospital.....	Mr. A. Short
##	Petersburg Hospital	Rev. R. Snelling
	Ketchikan General.....	Rev. P. Moser

FIFTY MILLION AMERICANS Can Be Wrong On Gambling is available from Presbyterian Distribution Service - 25 copies, 75 cents. We think this will meet a real need in Alaska.

PLAN TO USE Children and the Church - six filmstrips to awaken new interest in the spiritual growth of children. Order them from Box 2539, Juneau, or Rev. B. Cleworth, Palmer, Alaska.

TITHING.....in a personal letter. Rev. Elmer Parker of Hydaburg was exploding about the many things that need to be done on the field. A church organization in the area had announced intentions to move in with funds to get a work done. Elmer, with all of his keen Christian insight, wrote back, "Army, if I seemed harsh in that letter, I want to apologize. If Presbyterians were all tithers, our "brass"

would have money too." In this same letter Elmer's heart was thrilled by the news that the SJ gospel team was to do regular visiting at the ANS TB Hospital. Jeanie Helgeson said "Last summer I was sick in bed a week and I nearly died! Think of those folk in bed for a year and more!!!"

CHRIST IS BUILDING THE CHURCH everywhere - around Himself." Moderator Ralph W. Lloyd said at Haines, "It ought not to be easy to join the church. Our sessions should be more careful. They should be cooperating with Christ in building the Church." Dr. Lloyd's messages were well received. Alaska thanks the Presbyterian Church for sending Ralph and Margaret Lloyd to the Territory.

FRANCE IS ON FIREHow about Alaska???? John M. Gordon in an article in Christian Century, states--"On December 3, 1954, France's national minister of public health arose in the Chamber of Deputies and said: 'There are many kinds of murderers. Those who kill a man at the street corner are in danger of the guillotine. The distillers escape this risk, but they have our contempt and will have the punishment of God.' He was applauded."

ALASKA AUDIO-VISUAL CATALOGUE - This long awaited catalogue of films has been published at considerable expense. It is worth it as a start to aid pastors and teachers in their work. Extra copies are available and should be ordered in quantities so each teacher might have this publication.

CHURCH TO HAVE NATIONAL EVANGELIST in Territory. Dr. "Chuck" Templeton will tour Alaska from September 5-11 in setting up plans for "saturation evangelism" in major points within Alaska. Mrs. Templeton will accompany her husband and sing at the public meetings he will conduct.

DATES FOR CAMPING IN ALASKA::::::

Rainbow Glacier at Haines	June 1 - 8
	15 - 22
Kings Lake - Wasilla	June 5 - 19

GET YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ONE OF THESE CAMPS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

AMONG THE PUBLICITY you should receive from time to time is "THE VERSTOVIAN" a bulletin published by Sheldon Jackson Junior College. If you do not receive it, write to Mr. Roland Wurster, President of the school.

SUMMER WORKERS: It is anticipated that Mr. & Mrs. Victor Urban of the Theological Seminary of San Francisco will be stationed at Wasilla for this summer. Niel Munro has asked for two students at Big Delta and three to four teams will work on DVBS work in southeast. One of these teams will work off the Princeton Hall. A roundup for these southeast students will be held on the campus of SJ by Mrs. Mayreld Swanson. At least seven college students from University Pres. of Seattle and 1st Church Berkley will help in the construction of the church at Klawock. Several students will probably work at Haines House on painting, farming, etc., while others are at KSEW as disk jockies.

K 1 It was reported recently that several older Indian women of Sitka have
S 4 bought radios. This unusual interest is the result of Thlinget broad-
E 0 casts from the "Voice of Sheldon Jackson." The native villages report
W 0 that many listen to the morning devotions that are in their own tongue.
Eskimo broadcasts through tape interviews have caused a stir among Eskimo
"fans" who are at the Edgecumbe Hospital.

HAINES HOUSE is getting ready for the summer. The playground equipment has arrived, a new flag has been donated and seeds have been started in the chemical garden. A new set of "Compton's Picture Encyclopedia" has found its place in the library. The remodeled chapel looks lovely with the gold-colored drape at the worship center and the green curtains for the windows.

SHELDON JACKSON STUDENT now headed for ministry with Presbytery endorsement. Henry Faucett of Sheldon Jackson Junior College will complete his college work at Whitworth and go on to Seminary. The Presbytery of Alaska Took Henry under their care. Moderator Arthur Johnson prayed at the conclusion of the examination "We give you Mr. Faucett." This was a true enrollment of this young man with the Presbytery.

TITHING STRESSED by Dr. Soboleff in Stewardship and Promotion. Walter Soboleff told of a young woman, who, after reading an insert in the Sunday Bulletin on tithing, went home and wrote out her personal check for \$500 because she was convicted of her need of an accounting with the Lord.

REV. JOHN STOKES told graphically at the Presbytery of the Yukon, how he had presented himself for service in the Philippines and ended up in Alaska.

REV. WILLIAM WARTES of Barrow discussed at Presbytery the coming of the Assembly of God and the Roman Catholics into Barrow. "Bill" told of a young man who tried the communicants class but dropped out. In a game of Russian Roulette he died after a third "gamble" with the "empty" chamber. "Bill" further paid tribute to his interim furlough pastor Niel Munro, when he stated that after returning to Barrow a young man came to the manse and asked "Where is Niel?" "He is gone," replied Bill. With a long face the boy responded, "Niel was my friend." Barrow had 59 members in the Mission to Teachers series. The church has a Board of Christian Education. Teachers must have certificates to teach in the Barrow Church School.

WAINWRIGHT'S pastor, Rev. Roy Ahmaogak, may have Daily Vacation Bible School help if Mrs. Norma Hoyt of Anchorage has her way. Duplicating her trek to Wales, Gambell, and Savoonga of several years ago, Mrs. Hoyt will undertake to get to the north for teaching.

THE ARCTIC TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND is \$100.00 richer by a gift from the Presbytery of Yukon and the Presbyterial to this special need at Sheldon Jackson.

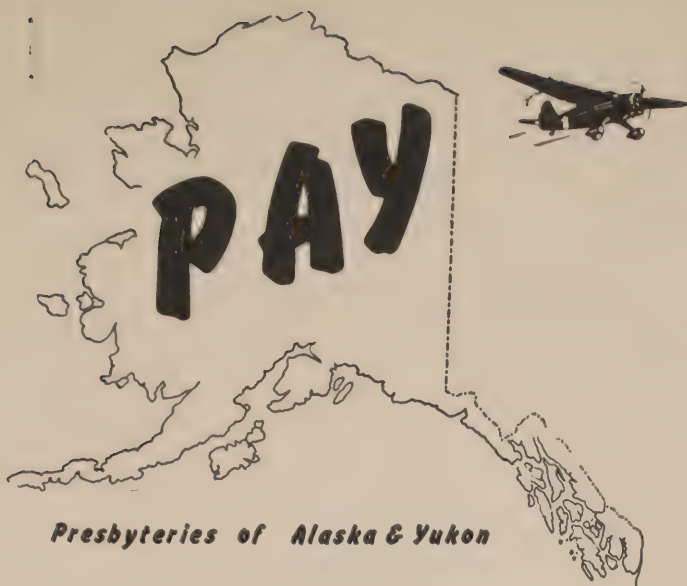
REV. MERLIN DAY, Chaplain of the National Council, for Mt. Edgecombe Alaska

Native School, attended both presbyteries this year. He stated that in the school 120 students gave Presbyterian preference. Mr. A. Short of the Sitka Church staff has regular services and classes for these children and visits in the TB and Orthopedic Hospital.

MODERATORS FOR OUR PRESBYTERIES: The Rev. Brian Cleworth was elected as Moderator for the Presbytery of the Yukon and Rev. Malcolm Sweet, D.D., for Alaska. A special honor was given to Mrs. Margaret Miller of Anchorage. She was not only unanimously re-elected Stated Clerk, but she was chosen to represent the Presbytery of Yukon at the Synod of Washington. The Rev. Victor Alfsen will be bishop commissioner to Washington and has been endorsed as Moderator for the Synod.

COMMISSIONERS TO ASSEMBLY: From Yukon, Rev. Lowell Campbell of Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, and Mr. Edwin Suddock of 1st Anchorage. From Alaska, Rev. Paul Evans, Wrangell, and Mr. Sam Johnson of Angoon. Commissioners from Alaska to Synod will be Dr. W. Soboleff and John E. Willard from Klukwan.

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HOLDING FORTH THE WORD



GENERALS THANK VILLAGERS, NURSE AND MISSIONARY

Official recognition was given the people of Gambell when high ranking officers visited to extend thanks for aid in the rescue of an American patrol plane shot down out over the Bering Sea.

Elmer Parker says, "We turned the Manse into a hospital and brought 7 men in where we could keep them warm and get them bandaged for the trip to the hospital." The minister, telling of the crash of the burning plane, wrote, "The Eskimos were there in their skin boats in a very short while. We were glad we could be on the spot when needed. The Lord certainly kept the lives of those men. As I talked to them, they all gave thanks that they were spared. It was an awful sight to see them coming in! Five of them being on stretchers." - And so again - The Lord was there!

EVANGELISM

What is Evangelism? Perhaps the best definition is that which has been adopted by the Commission on Evangelism of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., as its official definition:

"Evangelism is the presenting of Jesus Christ so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, men shall come to put their trust in God through Him, to accept Him as their Savior from the guilt and power of sin, to serve Him in the fellowship of the Church and to follow Him in the vocations of the common life."

PRAYER STRESSED AS NOTE NEEDED IN PREPARATION FOR EVANGELISM.

Every church in the Presbyteries of Alaska and Yukon (PAY) will have a month of emphasis on evangelism. October will bring many state-side pastors into the Territory to help in preaching missions and visitation evangelism.

Recent meetings in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau, met with keen interest. Pastors were gathered together and the Rev. Donald Lester, Associate Secretary of Evangelism, led in special instruction in the techniques of reaching men and women through prayer groups and visitation teams. The target date for these special meetings is set for October 16-23.



REV. DONALD LESTER ADDRESSING
PASTORS FROM SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA

THE ALASKA MEDICAL MISSION, under Dr. Robert Starr, began its official operation on Aug. 1. Associated with Dr. Starr is Miss Betty Stevens, clerk, and Miss Evelyn Hunter, nurse. Recruitment is in process for an additional staff nurse. Dr. Starr arrived with his wife and their seven children--Carol 13, Margaret, 12, Sue 11, Betty 8, Cathy 6, David 3, and Ann. Dr. Starr treated 164 patients the first month. He has already established the reputation of having prayer with his patients and being a strong witness for the Lord. Add this project to the Year Book of Prayer under Klawock (the base), Craig and Hydaburg.

WELCOME TO ALASKAN WORK - The summer and fall have seen additions to the ever-increasing family of workers in National Missions in Alaska. Welcome!

Hydaburg - Dick and Barbara Stussi

Craig - Bob and Jane Van Nest

Klawock - The Bob Starrs

Juneau - Isabel Miller, Christian Social Worker

Auke Bay - Ken and Betty Smith

Wasilla - Art French (intern)

Barrow - Bill Zeiger

Big Delta - Niel Munro (wedding)

(For additional staff see SJJJ
& Haines House)

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

KLAVERS OF YAKUTAT added to their family. Joan didn't get into Juneau for the birth. The baby and mother are fine. Work progresses on getting the house ready for winter. A chapel committee was elected at the CAA station and visitations have gone on at the Coast Guard and at the Situk fish camp. This is three miles from the end of the "road" and much time is spent in moving from one camp site to another.

PAUL EVANS OF WRANGELL reports a very meaningful service on the reception of two people into the fellowship. Through premarital counseling the opportunity presented itself and the couple joined church a week before their marriage.

RON SNELLING OF PETERSBURG says that his wife Pat took the services while he attended Presbytery in Juneau for Christian Education Committee meetings and the ordination of Ken Smith who is at Auke Bay. Ron's reporting on the poor fishing season is indicative of all southeastern Alaska. Another blow to economy is the hiring of men from the States for the local hydro plant construction. Only a few local men obtained jobs.

Ed and Helen Diehl added Daniel Lee to their family during the summer. July 4th if we remember dates. Will he be nicknamed "DD" or "Rocket"? This summer over 40 American Society Bibles have been placed in rooms of Lodges along the Highway. The Tok Chapel has been completed with a new ceiling, floor, and a tower with a neon cross. Signs along the highway are attracting attention to this field. "It's the only thing we live for--once every two weeks when you come," was the remark of a girl at Northway. This is typical of the gratitude for the Lord's servants.

JOHN SIEBERT OF FAITH CHURCH, ANCHORAGE had an unusual money-raising plan for August. An auction sponsored by the men netted \$600. During the auction many usual items were sold but one item was a 24 x 40 foot building. The building had been given to the church but did not fit into the future plans for construction. We note that John had, during the month, a Family night and a Men's Breakfast in addition to regular officers meetings.

B. J. (BERT) BINGLE SAYS that the log chapel at Suntrana is "coming along pretty good." Some Dubuque students and Don Crosby, summer student at 1st Fairbanks, helped with DVBS at railroad points. Mable Bingle got to Barrow and down the west coast.

FOR WAINWRIGHT get the August 1955 issue of Christian Herald. An article on "North Pole Missionary" by Miriam Wohl tells of our Roy Ahmaogak. News from up there says that the manse is being completed and they are expecting a new Jeep.

THE BARROW WEEKLY NEWS reports on Bill Wartes saying that this summer Bonnie Wartes got her first ride in the Cessna. They further report on the plane: "This Presbyterian Cessna 170B has been a lot of help this summer. It has been used four times to help hunting crews that were overdue or having engine trouble with their boats or something." The editors of the paper have suspended publication to enroll in Sheldon Jackson. Bill tells us that 12 students have gone to SJ from the Arctic Coast: 1 for Jr. College, 2 for 11th, 2 for 10th, and 7 for the 9th. This reminds us that we need - need - and pray that you will send us gifts for the

Arctic Travel Scholarship Fund. They go right to Roland Wurster, SJJC, Sitka. Can you help by placing this on your own personal list of giving?

BILL ZEIGER AND SAM SIMONDS conducted DVBS at Mead River.

WIN WARE OF HILLCREST IN ANCHORAGE was thrilled to have help on the new building. The Southern Baptist church on the hill sent 10 men to help finish the roof. A Christian Kindergarten sponsored by the church now enrolls 32.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICE, with Isabel Miller, Caseworker, contacted ten towns and villages in preparing families for the transition of children to Haines House. Ministers help in this service by suggesting where areas of need should be met. How happy we are to have Mabel, with all her training, on the staff in this new work.

THE CHAPEL-BY-THE-LAKE gave a great welcome to Ken and Betty Smith. They are carrying water like others at Tok, Craig, and a few other spots. The chapel is nearing completion.

MAYRELD SWANSON, DCE for Alaska Presbytery is now in Yukon for special classes. We are sorry to hear that she will have to go stateside because of her mother's illness. Mayreld reports 805 enrolled in 14 schools. New this year was the DICK NELSONS and the DON SCHWABS along with Dan Kahklen as the team on the Princeton Hall.

HAINES HOUSE NEWS: Alan Frank's family is reunited following Mrs. Franks trip up the Alaska Highway. Miss Fisher flew to Montana and come back via the highway. Margaret Johnstone, girls' supervisor, has returned to the States for a serious operation.

The Home has purchased much needed laundry equipment--an American Aircraft drier, loading washer, extractor, and electric ironer. All surplus from the pipe line construction job!

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Larsen are now at Haines as farmer and older boys' supervisor. In this department we are told that the new greenhouse is completed. Vital statistics says that during August 16 rabbits were butchered and raspberries, mushrooms, blueberries, rhubarb, and peas were frozen for the new deep freeze. There has been an abundance of onions, swiss chard, turnips, kohlrabi, broccoli. A good supply of King and Sock-eye have been put up for the winter. Some of these were caught by the boys. Add to all of this work--berry picking, fishing, hiking, baseball, movies, picnicking, and the innovation of wrestling (legal style now says Mr. Larsen). Thanks to Allan Frank and his grand staff for work well done!

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES has called a meeting of their constituent members in Alaska. This will be to discuss comity and the future of Alaska's church program. This meeting will convene in Anchorage October 17 and continue through the 19th.

SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCHES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE: Fairbanks has wrecked the old building and has a good start on the modern sanctuary. Anchorage 1st is

preparing to build a new and larger manse. NORTHERN LIGHT at Juneau has instituted a radio broadcast that was formerly sponsored by the Chapel-by-the-Lake and the Board. Malcolm Sweet's time is 12 noon, Saturday, over KJNO. SITKA REPORTS overcrowding in their church and work has actually started on the new building!

SHELDON JACKSON JUNIOR COLLEGE HAS RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE IN SOME CLASSES! Miss Gladys Whitmore has returned to the faculty of SJ after a year's leave of absence. She spent the year working at our Board of Christian Education college at Pikeville, Ky. New members on the faculty are Mr. Frank Latta, MA, from Lubbock, Texas, teaching Social Studies and supervision of Frazier Hall. Miss Helmi Harkala, formerly at the National Missions' Warren Wilson, is teaching English. John Borbridge who graduated from Juneau Hi, SJJ College and the University of Michigan is school coach.

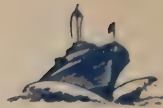
Mr. Wurster, President of the Junior College, says that there is the largest number of communities represented at SJ this year of any time in history. At present full registration figures are incomplete because students have been detained in Metlakatla and Ketchikan because of polio.

REMEMBER that National Missions opportunity giving for women of the church is toward the new Junior College dorm and the student union building. These much needed buildings need extra gifts from Alaskans. We are to raise over \$15,000 as our share. Help the "KAZHGIE" fund -- the Student Union Building.

K 1 Summer relief helped KSEW station personnel to expand their activities.
S 4 Students from seminary took over responsibilities of programs and aided
E 0 in manual labor. A significant project was completed with the building of
W 0 a sound studio adjacent to the stage in the SJJC auditorium. Efforts to increase the power of the station are being made. Remember Van Dyke and Tubby in your prayers for their pulpit is on the air seventy-one hours a week! They want programs from your churches.



HOLDING FORTH THE WORD



APRIL - 1956

Easter is for the Marys of the world.

It isn't easy to write about Easter. We know so little about the true meaning of all of it. Easter is more than a seasonal anniversary. I am sure that it is more than a time to buy seeds and get ready for summer. In most places in Alaska there is nothing traditional about Easter. A few churches may look like the traditional parade, but to most of us it is not.

Easter is the lonely road to the tomb.....the visit to the garden.....the solemn talk of discouraged women.....the quest for the dislodged body of the Lord. We see in the Scriptures the shadow of a man appearing beside the distraught figure of a lonely woman. The man steps close enough to be recognized. Eyes dripping with tears are lifted to see the shape of the man. A voice filled with terror and fear asks for the body. The Man says, "Mary." Her eyes focus--Mary sees her Lord.

That is Easter. Easter is the Resurrected Lord being personal to the Marys of the world. Search as you will, it is only as the personal touch of the Risen Lord comes to individuals that the resurrection comes alive. God knows that we need the Person to Person contact.

Then I ask myself.....do I stand beside the fallen? What about the sorrowing ones? Do tear filled eyes see in me the Risen Christ? Of course I feel inadequate. How can I, who need him most, give him to others? I would be beside my people when they need me! Visit...in prison...a cup of cold water...feed the hungry.....yes, it can be done. He has commissioned me to tell of his hope and love. The radiance that enforces his message in my life is the resurrected fact of Easter.

Found on the bulletin of the Marble Collegiate Church, New York - "Many find God in quietness. Please do not unthinkingly disturb them in their quest." From the same bulletin:

Let Me Keep Lent

"Let me keep Lent;
Let me not kneel and pray,
Forego some trifle every day,
Fast--and take Sacrament . . . and then
Lend tongue to slander, hold ancient grudge, deny
The very Lord whom I would glorify.

Let me keep Lent; let my heart grow in grace
Let Thy light shine till my illumined face
Will be a testament read by all men
That hate is buried, self crucified--newborn
The spirit that shall rise on Easter Morn."

"I want to join church." After traveling days upon the Princeton Hall, nothing could be of greater value than a person to profess faith in the Lord. All too often it is impossible to get close enough to people to have them open up on the subject of personal relationships; but to make openings and to continually witness is the job of Don Schwab, Dick Nelson, and Dan Kaklen as they go out from their home port of Juneau. Ministers are being transported to isolated areas to visit families. Church Schools are being aided and in some instances started. Plans are being laid with Mrs. Mayreld Swanson for the greatest series of Vacation Church Schools in the history of southeastern Alaska. At this time the SJS II of Sheldon Jackson will join with the Princeton Hall and sail under one flag for the summer program.

Walter Soboleff and Elder Andrew Wannamaker made a recent trip to Yakutat to hold evangelistic services. Claude Klaver reports good attendance and some return to the church. Definite prayer is needed that seasonal church attendance and periodic "return to the cross" is done away with and a mature growth in spiritual living is indicated among all of our people. The Lord will not honor our continued backsliding and our waywardness.

Sam Simmonds is recovered from an appendectomy. Sam and Bill Zeiger narrowly escaped death in the destruction of the Arctic Messenger. Sam has been teaching a course in "The Book of Acts" and Bill has been continuing services at the Arctic Camp three miles from Barrow. The Westminster Fellowship at Barrow is growing. This is good news.

Neil and Kerry Munro are announcing the grand opening of the Presbyterian Hospitality at Big Delta. This is long awaited news. The TV set is installed and the kitchen is humming. Sixty attended the opening. New folk are being contacted who indicate that they are getting the church into their blood for the first time. Mrs. Grace Waterman's name came up in relationship to Big D recently. Bert Bingle drove in from the states with a truck for King's Lake Camp. On the truck was a communion table and baptismal font for the Big D Chapel. This completes a gift of Mrs. Waterman to the church. All of the furnishings are of western pine. Again, thank you Mrs. Waterman, for continued love for Alaska!

Brian Cleworth has completed an interesting series of sermons. The subtitles are "Does God Have a Plan for My Life?"; "How Can I Be a Witness for Christ?"; "Is the Holy Spirit Active Today?"; and "Are World Events Today Directed by God?" Another Series is planned for the church lenten services entitled "With Him All The Way."

Women at Wrangell. Paul Evans is thrilled that the women are moving more toward the Presbyterian Women's program. They are using the studies in Ephesians. Paul is holding a Communicants Class again this year. The class has four or five. We commend to each and every parish the need of this instruction. The number of churches practicing this method of instruction is increasing. Churches are making it mandatory. Some churches will accept no excuses from anyone for not attending the specified minimum requirements for this activity. Congratulations!

An Alaskan Circuit Rider In Eskimoland.

It wasn't any fun being out on the trail hour after hour. The cold began to penetrate and the hours were counted as days and months and then years. The snow closed in and the darkness became foreboding. It was too dark to travel. The only thing to do was to camp. The cliff ahead had taken too many lives in the past to be underestimated. Finally enough light came into the sky for the teams to be aroused and to move on. The trail to Savoonga became shorter as the dogs scented the village in the distance. Soon there would be the lights and the vicious welcome of the

village dogs and then.....and then the warmth of the mission house.

It was after such an experience that Lowell Campbell had to be evacuated from his mission spot on Gambell, St. Lawrence, to have several of his toes amputated.

Now back on the field Lowell is getting out into the village. With care and caution prescribed by his nurse wife, Betty, he will continue to fulfill his pastoral duties and plan for the building of their new church.

Salute to Roland Wurster



Announcement was made recently of the resignation of Roland Wurster from the presidency of Sheldon Jackson Junior College. This change will become effective the first of June. Mr. Wurster has visited most of our churches and is widely known within the church and in educational circles. Mr. Wurster was first employed as a teacher at S.J. During his administration the Yaw Building was completed, the auditorium and class rooms were refinished and modernized and plans laid for many new structures. Many long range policies and programs that will appear in the future will be found to have had their beginnings during Mr. Wurster's administration.

Mr. Wurster is planning on attending a stateside school for graduate studies. The Board of National Missions along with Alaskans look forward to his continued service for the church.

"They are searching for God," says Robert Van Nest of Craig. "The Holy Spirit is really working in the minds and lives of many of the people out here." This is the direct result of personal contact and visitation. Humbly the Craig pastor says, "These things by far make up for the discouraging aspects. When you are able to see something being done like that, you really feel that the Lord is using you."

Elmer Parker stood by on the railroad job while Bert Bingle took a medical leave. Bert really needed the rest and Elmer didn't need the extra work. Elmer found that switch trains and doodlebugs can get snowed in. The Bingles are back and Elmer is now preparing to go to General Assembly in Philadelphia, for Alaska Presbytery, and return to stand by for Ron and Pat Snelling of Petersburg. They go on furlough.

The Valley Presbyterian Hospital has elected Dr. Mix of the Agricultural Experimentation Station in Palmer as the new chairman of the Board. The hospital reported progress to the annual meeting and Rev. Brian Cleworth, Chaplain of the hospital and

Pastor of the United Protestant Church, says that it was a good, constructive and progressive meeting. Good reports continue to come in from Art French at Wasilla.

Reports from Anchorage indicate that the Walkups of First Church are about ready to move into the new manse. It is beautifully located and ideally designed. From the living room window one can look across Cook Inlet and north to McKinley.

More about Anchorage.....Louise Weeks has returned home from a siege in the hospital. Louise has seen too much activity and it has taken this temporary toll. We join with the family in asking for a swift and complete recovery. Louise has the highest words of praise for the congregation and their support of the work and their relationships with Ralph. So do we!

Still more about Anchorage.....It was a great step of faith that took Faith into the fold of the self-supporting churches. This was the fifth church to enter this roster. John Seibert is working with a wonderful group of consecrated laymen and the church is showing real progress. It takes heart searching to move toward self-support and it builds real stewardship. Other churches this year have indicated their willingness to set up a three year program toward this important goal. Let us move forward!

And again.....let's finish with Anchorage.....Government Hill continues to be a thrilling place for work. Win Ware and his folk are consistently working on their project. On the physical side of the ledger there is the steady completion of the interior with a new communion table. Unique is my word for it. This center of worship has a glass top. A light from within the table shines on the open Bible placed upon it. It is attractive. New pews are being constructed and other work being accomplished. Recently a dinner for pastors' families and chaplains proved to be a treat. Rolland Armstrong and Chaplain John Hughes got together for the first time in years....? Both attended Louisville Seminary.

Vic and Muriel Urban are eagerly looking toward the north country. Vic graduates on the fifth of June from San Anselmo. The Protestant Women's Guild of Elmendorf has sent Vic \$100.

Angoon Reports--Among many serious matters discussed in the report from Angoon, George Burdick added this on the lighter side--as only George could do it....."one of our cats came home drunk. There seems to be a poison in the local clams and if a cat eats too much of them they really go on a looper." Some of our Juneau people must be eating Angoon clams, George.

The Constitutional Convention is over but ratification is needed on April 24. The editor wants to thank everyone on the field and in New York for real consideration during the days of that historic meeting. Beyond the monumental task performed the one outstanding highlight was the invocations. Each morning various pastors were called from Fairbanks and Ladd Airforce base to ask God's blessing. Following the body of the prayer the amen was repeated by more people than I have ever heard in any of our church services. One thing was constantly emphasized during the convention and motivated all of the actions--party, sectionalism, and special partisanship could not exist or be tolerated.

Other news items of special interest:

Klawock is trying to get into their new church for Easter. Barbara Stussi has had an operation and Bob Starr was the operator--what an operator! Bob Starr recently attended the Alaska Medical Convention. Roland Rosson is busy with his people

preparing for the Presbytery of Alaska. Roland is conducting services at the CAA station at Annette. Paul Moser at Ketchikan is not able to run their newly acquired bus because they are overcrowded in their Church School. This project should be acted upon by both presbyteries as project number one for city work in Alaska! George Betts is thrilled that their trustees have been reorganized and things are looking brighter for Hoonah.

Both Dr. Malcolm Sweet and Dr. Walter Soboleff will be going stateside for National Guard encampment. These chaplains are in addition to Percy Ipalook and Civil Air Patrol Chaplains Frank Walkup, Win Ware, and Victor Alfsen.

Northern Light is studying plans for expansion of their work. Everyone in Juneau is talking of the boom that will come with pulp. Sitka already is feeling the pressure of what is to happen in that community with their newly proposed mill.

First Church Fairbanks is a fine and beautiful structure. Congratulations to all of you up there. That church will truly be used to bring the message of the gospel.

Wondering about Wartes? "Will I get a plane?" "How much insurance will we get?" We want to know if we should order a seeing eye dog for Bonnie so she can put it in the cockpit with Bill. No fooling--wasn't that a good article in Presbyterian Life? Too bad that the mortuary column had to appear in the same issue telling of the loss of the "Messenger." We are told that a new plane is ordered.

Haines House. The staff of the home is thrilled by the announcement of Allen Frank, that funds have been made available through the Board for the equivalent of three new cottages for children. Miss Isabel Miller is at present holding conferences with the staff and suggestions for the type of housing will come from this meeting.

Ed and Helen Diehl at Tok Junction report the formation of a health council for that area. This is one of many activities of the missionary service for the area. A building fund has been announced for the erection of a church school unit to be added to the chapel.

Mayreld Swanson is at Klukwan. She will soon visit SJJC to hold Vacation Church School classes. This summer will prove to one filled with action for our Director of Christian Education.

Work Teams - Youth Caravans. Rev. Oscar Lutz of Central, Denver, will bring a work team to aid in the building of the Sitka Church. A request for a work team of two men has come from Chapel-by-the-Lake. This will be a great experience working with Ken and Betty Smith. Several young people will work in Vacation School teams in the villages and on the Princeton-Hall and SJS II.

Louise Avery, our most isolated missionary in Alaska, continues to carry on a full program with the villagers. She has sent in her annual order for supplies. This is typical Arctic mission procedure. We expect that Louise will attend the Presbytery of Yukon meeting in April.

Top Leaders in Alaska:

Rev. Charles Muir and Miss Elizabeth Manuel will conduct special work at our spring presbytery meetings. Mr. Muir is from the Synod of Washington and Miss Manuel comes from the Western Area office of Christian Education.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary for the Department of Work in Alaska, will visit both Presbyteries this spring. The itineration will include several mission stations on

the West Coast and many of the Interior areas. Dr. Jackman will lead a flying seminar this summer, leaving from Seattle and flying as far as Barrow and western Alaska.

Miss Katherine E. Gladfelter will visit the Territory in May. During the trip, calls will be made at the Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Haines House, Sheldon Jackson Junior College and The Alaska Medical Mission at Klawock. Mr. Lucien Tribus of the Legal Department and Mr. Thomas Cox, a member of the Board of National Missions, will be in Alaska at the same time to inspect land holdings in the Haines area. Miss Gladfelter is the Secretary for the Department of Educational and Medical Work. She administers work from Alaska to Puerto Rico in schools and hospitals.

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I
ask,
what
greater
theme could
there be for
Christmas than
"God..Loved..Gave"
William Clow said
that in this verse we
have love in 4 dimensions
Breadth - God so loved the
world
Length - That He gave His only
begotten Son
Depth - That whosoever believeth in
Him should not perish
Height - But have everlasting life.

It puts the Christmas gospel crystal clear
doesn't it? As clear as the star in the mid-
night flashing the way to the manger where lies
the Christ Child. So, today, the knowledge that
God..Loved...Gave, points us to the Son of God,
"born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them
second birth."
God bless you, fellow laborers, as you proclaim anew the
good news
- tidings
of Jesus'
redemption
and release

Reverend H. Clow

THE NEW COMMUNICANT CLASS MATERIALS will be available from Westminster Book Stores January 2nd. Have you ordered the complete set, plus students manuals for your spring communicant's class yet? Better do it now if you expect to use it with the class you will receive at Easter. The course is 10 weeks.

THE BURDICKS at Angoon have found a lending library for religious books that is very good and want to pass the word on to their fellow workers. The library is, "Zion Research Library" 120 Seaver Street, Brookline, 46, Mass. They describe themselves as "A Non-sectarian Protestant Library for the study of the Bible and the History of the Christian Church." No charge is made for the service. They pay the postage one way or both ways if you cannot. Books can be kept for 1 month after you receive them. Book lists are available from the above address.

CLOTHING FOR SAVCONGA. Early last fall word was sent that clothing was needed at Savoonga for the village store did not have any clothing this year. Lowell Campbell writes, "Someone pulled the panic button and we are deluged with boxes for Savoonga. (All mail goes from Nome to Gambell by plane and from there it is carried by dog team to Savoonga, 75 miles away.) Over 5000 pounds of boxes have come in the past month. If you can stop any additional boxes from coming, I'd advise it." From Louise Avery at Savoonga comes word that early shipments of clothing have arrived and she and her people are deeply grateful.

DR. EUGENE CARSON BLAKE, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church and President of the National Council of Churches is visiting the Armed Forces in Alaska during the Christmas Season- December 15-27. We are hoping that Dr. Blake will have opportunity to visit some of our Presbyterian work while here.

HELP FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEES. If your church wants to make a special project for relief of refugees, here are some directions.

1. Send clothing, blankets and cloth materials to Church World Service Processing Center, 1010 Ninth Street, Modesto, California. Send at least 8¢ per pound to the same address to cover cost of packing and shipping overseas.
2. Contribute funds for relief through your own church treasurer. Such funds should be forwarded by the church treasurer to the Central Receiving Agency, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, earmarked "Hungarian Relief - One Great Hour of Sharing." These funds are then distributed by our church for surplus foods or other emergency needs.
3. Prepare for the resettlement of refugees. Could your church sponsor a refugee family to settle in your community? Write to Miss Margaret Gillespie, Office of Refugee and Resettlement Services, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR THE PRINCETON-FALL. Has your church put on a drive for funds to help replace the Princeton-Fall? This is an important part of our total church program in the Territory and merits the support of all the churches. What about a special Christmas offering for this? Send contributions to Dr. Jackman's office.

SHELDON JACKSON JUNIOR COLLEGE is vigorously promoting a school band this year. When Edward Rosevear, choir and band director, came to Sheldon Jackson, he was told that the only equipment on hand was "one trombone and one radio studio." Ed has secured many instruments from his own friends in the states. Have you an old musical instrument around the manse or church which is no longer being used? (Don't send your wife, please!) Possibly a slogan might read, "If you can't toot your own horn, let someone toot it for you."

Instruments, sheet music, music stands, or money to buy some, are badly needed at S.J. Here is a fine project for a Sunday School Class or W.F. group. For more information (without obligation) write to Mr. Edward Rosevear, Sheldon Jackson School, Sitka

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

NOTES FROM THE ASST. SECRETARY. During November I attended the Advisory Committee meeting of S.J.J.C. Also present were Rev. Frank Walkup, Anchorage; Mr. Lloyd Morley, Anchorage; Mr. Edgard Phillee, Fairbanks; Mrs. Doris Barnes, Wrangell; Miss Isabel Brady, Sitka; Mr. Edward Benson, Metlakatla; Rev. Donald Schwab, Juneau. On Thursday evening, Nov. 1, Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong was installed as President of the school and college in a ceremony in which members of the Advisory Committee participated.

The second week in November, I served as chaplain for the Alaska Native Brotherhood Convention at Hoonah. After that, visits were made to Kake, Petersburg, Klawock, Craig, Hydaburg, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Wrangell and Angoon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Phyllis and Bob VanNest of CRAIG on the birth of Christopher Tom on November 25th at the Medical Mission Clinic at Klawock. Dr. Starr did the honors.

Barbara Stussi (HYDABURG) underwent surgery in Juneau for removal of one eye. After 3 weeks in Juneau she went to Ketchikan as her doctor was there for a clinic. More surgery was required in Ketchikan. Barbara is now back in Juneau awaiting further treatment by her doctor before returning to Hydaburg. We are all hoping that Barbara will be home for Christmas. A 2 week trip has turned into a 6 weeks stay.

Mrs. Katherine Legere, relief supervisor at FAIRBANKS HOUSE has been in Sitka for two weeks undergoing surgery. A card from her reports she is coming along very nicely.

Mrs. George Betts in home again in HOONAH after undergoing surgery at Sitka. She is feeling better since returning home. Rev. George Betts was in Juneau last week and reported that Katie has had quite a lot of pain. Let us all remember in a special way Katie Betts, and also George, in our prayers.

Home again after attending the meeting of the Permanent Commission on Interchurch Relations in November is Malcolm Sweet (JUNEAU). The meeting was held in Philadelphia.

Charles and Mary Heier and their four children arrived in Alaska November 15th. Chuck was accepted into Alaska Presbytery at a meeting the next day in Juneau. The Heier's come from Blosburg, Pennsylvania where Chuck was pastor of the Missionary-Alliance Church. The Heier's arrived in KAKE on November 20 on the Princeton-Hall. A service of Introduction was held in the Kake Church on November 21. Rev. Donald Schwab was in charge of the service with the Princeton-Hall crew and Brian Cleworth sharing in the service. A warm welcome was given the Heiers' at a social hour given by the Missionary Society after the service. Miss Isabel Miller, Christian Social Worker was also present and shared in the service.

The KETCHIKAN CHURCH isn't waiting for a new church location before reaching out to increase their membership. On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 19 new members were received into the church. Negotiations are still underway towards securing a new site for the church and manse. Paul Moser has been appointed a member of the Juvenile Home Committee of the Territory.

Mrs. Mayreld Swenson is now in residence at KLUKWAN, where she will provide a ministry through the winter months.

Chaplain John Dodge wrote Brian Cleworth after receiving the last issue of PAY, saying that his address has been changed and also sending in a gift for the new Princeton-Hall. He said in part, "I enjoyed many happy hours on the Princeton-Hall, as well as a few rough ones." I imagine many of you know just what John means! Here is John's address (he formerly served the SKAGWAY CHURCH) - 914 E. Avalon Avenue, Santa Ana, California.

Holland Rossen had a bout with hepatitis a few weeks ago at IETLAKATLA. This, along with the measles gave him several bad days. We are glad to know Holland and his family are all well again.

The WRANGELL church sent 37 boxes of clothing to Savoonga in answer to a plea for clothing this fall. At a congregational meeting November 25th, Paul Evans submitted his resignation, effective about January 1. Paul has been called to the Hillcrest Presbyterian Church, Anchorage and to work with servicemen's families on Government Hill. This work is under the direction of Dr. Harold Baldwin's office and is supported by the annual offering for work among servicemen's families.

The closing of the Alaska Medical Mission at Klawock on December 31st was announced recently by the Educational and Medical Department. Dr. Robert Starr and family are going to Denver where Dr. Starr will take up private practice. We want to say how much we have appreciated having the Starr's with us for the past 15 months and have valued their fine contribution to our work here - both medically and spiritually. Miss Evelyn Hunter, nurse at the mission is undecided as to her future plans. Miss Olive Fisher, secretary at the mission, left December 3rd for a short vacation with her family in the states and will return to Anchorage Jan. 15 as parish worker among servicemen's families in the Anchorage area under Dr. Baldwin's office.

Ralph Weeks (Woodland Park Church, SPENARD) was called to Sitka 10 days ago due to his mother's serious illness. Ralph has since returned to Spenard. His mother is still seriously ill.

A back sprain experienced last summer has been hard on Bill Wartes at BARROW. Much of November Bill was in bed with traction and complete bed rest. Not much improvement has been shown so far. Infectious hepatitis and tonsillitis hit the rest of the Wartes family (excepting healthy Bonnie.) The Samuel Simonds family was likewise hit. Bill wrote, "The church program in November continued at the same fast pace with Samuel substituting for me, or me for Samuel, or Bonnie substituting for both of us." We hope the picture is brighter for our Barrow friends now.

The first service in the new church was held on Thanksgiving Day at GAMBELL. Lowell Campbell has sent out programs of the service and on the cover is a photo of the new church. Chaplain James Weaver participated in the first church service. All services, including Sunday School are being held in the new church building.

Work on the new manse for WASILLA was halted in October when cold weather stopped the block laying on the foundation. Materials are being gathered during the winter to get an early start on the building next spring. Victor Urban conducted a Tenth Anniversary service at the Wasilla Church, December 2nd, marking the anniversary of the beginning of the Wasilla Church. A Morning Worship service and pot-luck dinner marked the occasion.


FILMS . . . FILMS . . . FILMS . . . FILMS

Many have been disappointed in not receiving THIS HIGH CALLING when they had requested it. One of the reasons you did not get it was that the film was lost in the mails for some time. It has been found and is being circulated again. A second print is coming so that we will be able to catch up. Please send in your revised requests for this film again so we can get it to you during the next couple of months.

We must have your cooperation on these films. If you use a film, return it immediately after using to Juneau unless otherwise instructed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE After January 1, all films will be handled directly in the Juneau office by the Assistant Secretary. All requests for film should be sent to Brian Cleworth, Box 2530, Juneau. We do appreciate the fine help of Mrs. Ruth Schwab in caring for the film library through the past few years.

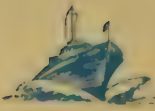
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NEWS OF THE PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

Presbyteries of Alaska & Yukon

YUKON PRESBYTERY met at the First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage, March 19 through the 21st. The Rev. Ralph Weeks of the Woodland Park Church in Spenard was the moderator of the meeting. Ralph carried over as moderator from last year due to a change in the standing rules adopted at this meeting of Presbytery whereby the new moderator is elected at the close of Presbytery and takes on his duties for the next year. The newly elected moderator was Lowell Campbell of the Faith Presbyterian Church, Anchorage. Rev. Neil Munro was named Vice Moderator. Mrs. Jean Stokes continues as stated clerk of Yukon Presbytery.

One of the major items of business was the adoption of new standing rules. The inspirational speaker was the Rev. Harry R. DeYoung who led a series of sessions on the theme, "Preaching for a Verdict". Miss Dorothy Foster of the Womens Department of the Board of National Missions was the inspirational speaker for the Presbyterial. Both Dr. DeYoung and Miss Foster spoke at the evening public meetings.

The Evangelism Committee of Presbytery made a recommendation that the Preaching Mission be extended this year to include Gambell and Savoonga. It was decided to send one of the ministers from the Presbytery to visit both places, five days at each place. The Rev. Bert Rutan of Palmer was asked to be the Evangelist to St. Lawrence Island for the 1957 Preaching Mission.

The Rev. William Wartes of Barrow was elected to be the Bishop Commissioner to General Assembly and Paul Greimann is the Elder Commissioner. The Rev. Lowell Campbell is the Bishop Delegate to Synod, and the Elder Delegate is Mrs. Howard Estelle of Palmer.

ALASKA PRESBYTERY met at the First Presbyterian Church at Sitka, March 28th through April 2nd. The meeting was moderated by Elder Charles Nelson of the First Presbyterian Church of Ketchikan. Dr. Harry DeYoung conducted a school for preachers on the theme, "Preaching for a Verdict". The evening public meetings were varied. Moderator C. Nelson gave his moderatorial address the first evening. Dr. J. Earl Jackman spoke the second evening.

On Saturday evening the Christian Education Committee was in charge. At this service Mrs. Mayreld Swanson was commissioned as a Commissioned Church Worker. Also that evening two young people were taken under care of the Presbytery. One was Miss Charlene Armstrong, a Senior at the Ketchikan High School, who is looking forward to a Church vocation as a teacher. Mr. Stephen Johnson is a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. At present he is a second year college student at Sheldon Jackson Junior College. He will go on to Whitworth College next fall.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS (continued)

On Sunday evening the Sheldon Jackson Junior College students were in charge of the program with the band giving its first public performance and the choir singing several numbers. Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong, the President of the Junior College was the speaker for the evening.

On Monday evening the Alaska Presbyterial Society was in charge of the public worship service which featured Mrs. Roger Lang. Mrs. Lang was a member of the Pacific Womens Fellowship team last fall which went from the United States to Alaska, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, and the Phillipines. Mrs. Lang is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka. The concluding service on Tuesday evening was a Communion Service led by the Rev. Arthur Johnson of Klawock.

The Rev. Ron Snelling of Petersburg was elected the moderator of Alaska Presbytery and the Rev. Donald Schwab of Wrangell was elected as Stated Clerk. He was also elected as the Bishop Commissioner to General Assembly. Elder Commissioner to General Assembly is Mrs. Catherine LeGare of Haines. The Bishop Delegate to Synod will be the Rev. Elmer Parker.

An invitation was extended to Presbytery and Presbyterial to hold their next annual meeting in Petersburg.

THE STORK REPORT

New babies have arrived to manses across Alaska. The list shows quite a dominance of boys again. Has anyone kept score?

Barbara and Roland Rossen of Metlakatla announce the arrival of a girl who was born January 28th at Ketchikan. Ruth Ann is the name that was chosen for her, and her weight was 10 lbs. 4 ozs. This is the Rossen's fourth child.

Helen and Ed Diehl of Tok Junction announce the arrival of their second son, Michael Edward. He was a Valentine baby-arriving on February 14th. His birthplace was Fairbanks and his weight was 7 lbs. 7 ozs.

Betty and Ken Smith of Auk Lake announce the arrival of their third son, Mark Edward, on March 11th. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. He was born at Ste. Ann's Hospital in Juneau.

Jane and Paul Moser of Ketchikan announce the birth of their second son, James Huston. He was born on March 29th. We don't know his weight but do know he is a most considerate son for he arrived in time for his father to attend most of Presbytery.

Muriel and Vic Urban of Wasilla announce the arrival of their second child, but first daughter. She was born April 18th at the Providence Hospital in Anchorage, and weighed 7 lbs. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. Her name is Sheralee Dawn.

Betty and Lowell Campbell announce the arrival of David Lyle who was born April 20th in Anchorage. He weighed 8 lbs. David is the Campbell's third son.

We send congratulations to each family and pray the Lord's Blessings for you as the love and companionship within each family increases through the years ahead.

STEWARDSHIP AND PROMOTION CHAIRMEN ATTEND CONFERENCE

The Rev. Vic Alfsen of Fairbanks, and the Rev. Walter Soboleff of Juneau, attended the Western Area Stewardship and Promotion meeting in Berkeley, California, February 20th and 21st. They are the Chairmen of the Stewardship and Promotion Committees in their respective Presbyteries.

During the meeting a projected five year program for emphasis on the benevolence program for the church was projected. Each Presbytery is to hold consultations during the summer or fall months to brief the ministers and the officers of the local churches on the Benevolence program of the Church. A team sponsored by Stewardship and Promotion will be here from the states to direct these meetings.

This was the first year that our Alaska Presbytery Chairmen have been included in the Area meetings and it is hoped that in the future the chairmen will attend them annually.

SUMMER CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED

Yukon Presbytery at Kings Lake Camp:

Junior Camp	July 28-August 3
Junior High and Senior High	August 4-10

Alaska Presbytery at Kings Lake Camp:

Senior High	May 24-31
Junior High Camp No.1	June 6-13
Junior High Camp No.2	July 17-24

SHELDON JACKSON JUNIOR COLLEGE CHOIR WINS HONORS

The Sheldon Jackson Choir, under the direction of Edward Rosevear, entered the Southeastern Alaska Music Festival in Juneau in April, and received a Superior rating. The adjudicator, Mr. Cook of Fresno, California, said that the well balanced S. J. Choir could earn a Superior rating anywhere and could do anything musically. We are all proud of these young people, and hope that in the future even greater things can be done, and that in the future more churches will have the opportunity to hear them.

BURDICKS TO LEAVE ANGOON

Loraine and George Burdick are making plans to leave the work at Angoon and return to the states. Loraine had a very serious virus infection late in the winter and came to Juneau for 10 days after which she went on to Virginia Mason Clinic in Seattle where she has had further treatment. The Doctor has advised against returning to Angoon. George and the two girls will leave about May 15th and make their way to Seattle aboard the Blue Star, a boat owned by Rolland Burrows, an elder in the Northern Light Presbyterian Church.

George and Loraine have served very faithfully in Alaska. They served in Barrow until the Wartes arrived and then served the past two years at Angoon. We appreciate the fine efforts that the Burdicks have put forth in their service for Christ in Alaska. We pray that they will be led to a new field of service for the Lord in the States.

NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

Yukon Presbytery

Faith Presbyterian Church of Anchorage which is going into its second year of self support had its first experience of calling its own pastor. A call was extended to Rev. Lowell Campbell who was serving as a National Missionary at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island. The Campbells took up their new pastorate the end of March. We were all sorry to see the Seiberts leave our Alaskan work. They left the end of March to come under the Board of Foreign Missions as candidates for work in India. We pray God's richest blessings upon them.

First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, Rev. Frank Walkup, pastor, did a grand job as host to the Yukon Presbytery and Presbyterial.

Hillcrest Presbyterian Church of Government Hill in Anchorage is experiencing new life with Paul and Norma Evans. Paul gives an idea as to the growth of the Sunday School at Hillcrest. On January 1st, when the Evans family arrived, there were 56 children in the Sunday School and in the month of April the average attendance was 139 students. An average of 6 new students enrolled each Sunday. Without adequate facilities the students are stacked in like cord wood according to Paul. Plans have been drawn up for the new Christian Education wing and the building will be under way early this spring.

The First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla, where the Rev. Vic Urban is pastor, is going ahead on plans for a new manse. Work was started last fall on the basement walls but was halted when winter closed in. They are planning to begin work again as soon as the weather allows. Vic reports that the fire which completely destroyed the Curry Hotel destroyed all the equipment Vic had there for use in the Chapel which was in the hotel. Services will now be held in the Recreation Hall and work is going on to gather hymn books, Communion Service, Sunday School materials etc. to replace the things lost in the fire. Any church that happens to have extra hymn books, or a Communion Service, or other items that could be used should contact Vic at Wasilla. The four Anchorage churches sent five boxes of clothing for the children of the hotel manager.

The Rev. Bert Bingle of the Railroad Church has written a book entitled "Alaska Missions" sub-titled "My 28 Years in Yukon Presbytery". In the booklet Bert tells of many personal experiences he and his wife, Mabel, have had in their work. The booklet was written as a sort of handbook and describes the qualifications of an Alaskan Missionary. It is good reading and makes one examine his own fitness to serve the Lord. Anyone who is interested in this pamphlet can secure one by writing Rev. Bingle, Box 1027, College, Alaska.

The people of Big Delta have been working hard these past few months on the manse. Plumbing has been installed, and the kitchen has been finished off with new cabinets, sink, and also a new stove which was a gift from a member of the church. The work has been done by the men of the church and shows the concern the people have for their minister and family.

NEWS FROM THE FIELDS (continued)

Work has continued on the Chapel-By-The-Lake at Auk Bay where Rev. Kenneth Smith is pastor. The newly completed steeple is a work of art and gives a beautiful finish to the chapel. Ken is doing a very effective job as the director of the United Christian Youth Movement in the Juneau area. An Easter Sunrise service sponsored by the U.C.Y.M. was held at the Chapel.

A new manse has been purchased for the First Presbyterian Church at Ketchikan. The Mosers have moved out of the living quarters in the church and are now living in their new home. This gives more space for Church School classes. The officers of the church are very anxious to move ahead on their church building program. It is hoped that within the next few weeks property can be secured for the new church.

The Rev. R. McCluggage is serving as a temporary supply at the church at Hydaburg. Mac is attending a religious radio and television workshop at Portland, Oregon, April 29th through May 3rd.

ANNUAL MEETING OF KSEW BOARD MEMBERS

The board of directors of KSEW held their annual meeting at the studio in Sitka on April 2nd. Reports of the general manager were given and an inspection of equipment and facilities was made. Mr. John Groller, Secretary Of Broadcasting for the Board of National Missions, was present at the meeting, as well as Rev. Brian Cleworth, president, Dr. Malcolm Sweet, secretary, and Dr. R. R. Armstrong, treasurer. Mr. Robert Wells, a board member from Juneau, was also present. Mr. Groller told the board that exploratory work is being done in Washington D.C. by our attorney for increased power and a new wave length for the station. A strong recommendation from the Alaska Presbytery and supported by the board concerning this change was sent to New York. It was voted that the staff of KSEW be increased to four employees. A new staff member who is here on a temporary assignment is Rev. Austin Van Pelt who came from Maryville, Tennessee, with his wife and young daughter.

NEW FILMSTRIP

An excellent Stewardship filmstrip entitled "Reason for Being" has been added to our film library. It is a colored filmstrip, 18 minutes in length, and comes with a 33 1/3 RPM recording. It can be used for any age group and relates our budget and program to the underlying theology of Christian Faith. The record tells us in simple dialogue that we give because He first gave to us, that we love, because God first loved us. You will find this filmstrip a very helpful tool in your stewardship program.

FROM THE MAILBAG

A letter has been received from the Rev. and Mrs. E.E. Bromley. They write "I have just been looking over our last copy of PAY again. We want to thank you for keeping us on your list.....we have been away from the Alaskan Mission work for a long time, but we are still very much in love with Alaska and deeply interested in the progress of the Presbyterian Church work and the people on the field. Many names are new to us, but we can visualize the problems and in our family devotions pray that God will give strength and wisdom for each day." Their address is 316 N.Baker St., Mt. Vernon, Washington.

NEWS FROM THE FIELDS(continued)

The "go ahead" was given to the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks in February to begin plans for operating the Fairbanks Eskimo Center. With funds that have been sent in from the states plus funds raised locally, the church leased the American Legion building in Fairbanks. Temporary partitions have been put in and Mr. and Mrs. Rasmusson of First Church have moved into the building. Mrs. Rasmusson will be the supervisor for the girls staying at the center. A board of directors has been selected and it will be its responsibility to coordinate plans for the future of the Hospitality Center. The facilities are temporary until it can be determined the type of group that will be using the Center, the group we should be serving, and the general effectiveness of this kind of ministry. Once this is determined permanent plans can be made for this work. Rev. Vic Alfsen is taking the bulk of the responsibility of this project, and the Rev. Elmer Parker, who is working with the Eskimo people in Fairbanks, is also helping in this new and vital ministry.

Alaska Presbytery

The crew on the Princeton Hall has changed. Mr. Dan Kahklen, who was the mate aboard the ship, left the employment of the National Mission Board the end of February. Rev. Richard Stussi, who was pastor at Hydaburg, found it necessary for his family to move to Juneau in order that Barbara could have the medical attention needed for her eye. Dick is now working on the Princeton Hall as the Evangelist and also the mate for the boat. He works with captain Dick Nelson.

The First Presbyterian Church of Sitka, Rev. William Gavin, pastor, did a wonderful job as host to the Alaska Presbyterial and Presbyterial. The church is not completed as yet, but despite obstacles, everything went very smoothly and efficiently.

The church at Klukwan shows many signs of new life in the past five months. Five young people joined the church at Easter time. Mrs. Mayreld Swanson has been carrying on a full program of youth activities. She leaves Klukwan April 24th to work with the Bible Schools in the Alaska Presbytery. The Rev. Elmer Parker has consented to serve the Klukwan Church beginning around June 1st. He plans to retire from his work in Fairbanks and come to the Haines area to build himself a home. We are all pleased that Elmer will continue his service at Klukwan.

Haines had another very musical Easter. This year Ruth Hartman wrote an Easter Contata entitled "He is Our Peace". The choir sang it at Klukwan, and in the Haines Community Hall on Easter Sunday evening. Ruth is to be congratulated on her tremendous achievements. Not only did she write and produce this contata, but she regularly directs five choirs in the church. Hank reports that on Easter there were 96 people in the choir and 95 in the congregation. Ruth reports that the Haines Choir has 16 white surplices which they will give to any church that would like them. They are all in good condition.

Dick and Barbara Turner of Skagway report a very successful parent-teachers meeting with about 80 people present. It was an encouraging turnout for a large community function to take a number away.

PREACHING MISSIONS

Both Presbyteries voted at Spring meetings to hold Preaching Missions again this fall. Reviewing last years reports on the Preaching Missions in the local churches, it was said over and over again that simply holding evening services throughout the week was not reaching the people we wanted to reach.

Following is the report of last years mission at the Haines Presbyterian Church. You will note that this was more of a personal or group evangelism program than a preaching mission, but may help some churches to see how another church tackled the problem.

"We resolved to make this and Evangelistic Mission instead of a Preaching Mission only. Our experience had been that the services were largely attended by loyal church folk and made little impact on the community. Hence this year we planned to carry the appeal directly to the people.

A series of seven supper meetings were planned, the six adult meetings to be held in the manse and the youth meeting in the church recreation hall. We cleared this in advance with our guest minister who was enthusiastic about the idea. Invitations were individually written to a selected list with the plan of approaching a specific group each night. A total of about 100 invitations were sent out.

Ninety-six separate individuals were thus brought face to face with the guest minister around the supper table, and the call for decision made, with the follow-up to be made by the church officers in a two-by-two visitation campaign.

The pattern of the meetings was as follows:

- Saturday evening. Meeting with church officers and their wives. A stirring message by the guest minister sparked the officers' activity.
- Monday evening . A group of Haines residents who have lived here some time, only one family present was a church member family. Good discussion.
- Tuesday evening . Mostly native people from Haines and other fishermen. Short, followed by pictures in the church on the Holy Land which made a wonderful springboard for his evangelistic appeal.
- Wednesday evening. Held service in Klukwan
- Thursday evening. Professional group: teachers, etc. Discussion was very hard to get started and we had a definite feeling that we had failed somewhere in finding an area of interest; however, this was the only night when several individuals remained afterward for talks with us so it may have reached deeper than we thought.
- Friday evening . Business people from town who are the most indifferent of the groups served by the church. But discussion was lively and part of the group stayed on to help with the clean up.
- Saturday evening. Young adults, married and single. A good discussion that was entered into by everyone. In the midst of discussion a fire was discovered in the Rec Hall. We all rushed over and put it out and returned to the living room whereupon one young man said, "What was that you were saying just before we were interrupted"!
- Sunday evening . Westminster Fellowship age held in the Rec Hall. The planning and invitations were the work of the young people and the supper, unlike the others did not come out of the offerings. Our 32 W.F. members invited 40 others. Almost all those invited came. There were 17 who signed commitment cards for church membership that night.

Thus we personally reached about 150 individuals in Haines, and nearly 50 in Klukwan. Each was confronted with the claims of Christ, personally. We feel it was a wonderful experience and a beneficial week for our work in Haines."

SIX YEAR STUDY OF PRESBYTERIAN GROWTH IN ALASKA

CHURCH AND CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

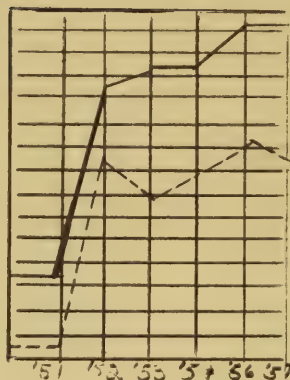
ALASKA PRESBYTERY

YUKON PRESBYTERY

	CHURCH	CHURCH SCHOOL
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1951	1114	866
1952	1952	1539
1953	2049	1497
1954	2076	1541
1955	2226	1710
1956	2214	1660

— Church Membership
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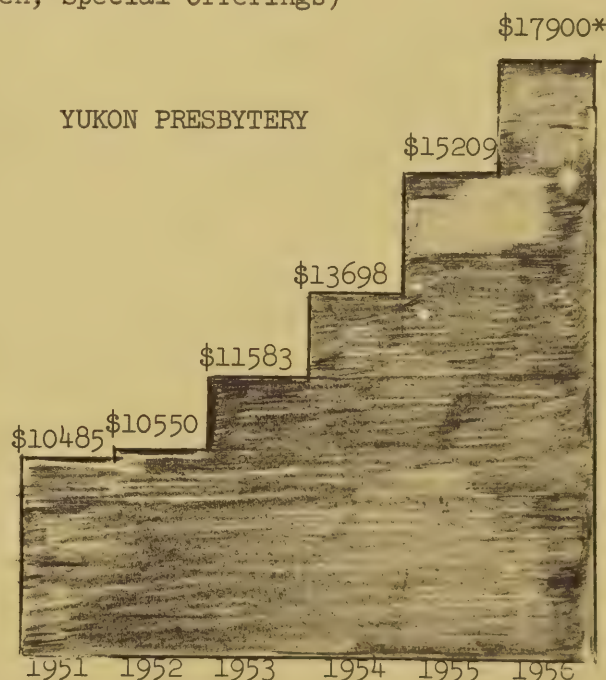
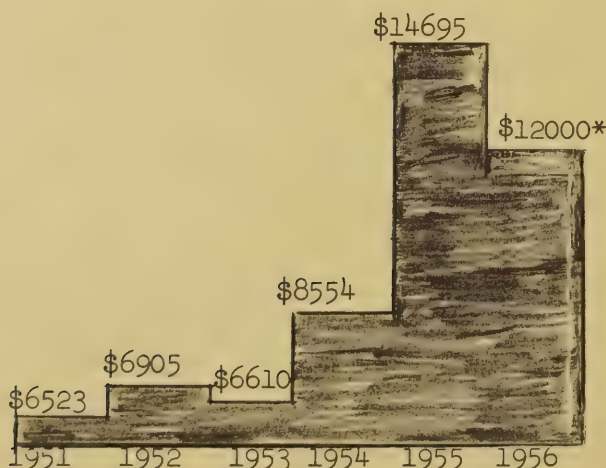
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1951	1808	1788
1952	1816	2380
1953	1884	2572
1954	1955	2347
1955	2320	2689
1956	2487	2923

GIVING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY BENEVOLENCE CAUSES (Including Youth Budget, Women, Special Offerings)

ALASKA PRESBYTERY

YUKON PRESBYTERY

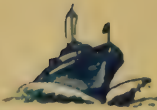


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Benevolence giving across the whole Presbyterian Church showed a 12.17% increase in 1956 over 1955. Alaska Presbytery showed a decrease of 10.69% for the same period, whereas Yukon Presbytery showed a 35.93% increase which was the highest increase, with one exception, for any presbytery in the western states area.

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PRESBYTERY CONSULTATIONS

Area consultations, under the direction of the Stewardship and Promotion committees of both Presbyteries are scheduled for this month. The purpose of these consultations is to study the long range program of the church and begin advance planning on the local level to reach certain goals in the next five years. This is not a program "sent down" from above, but must arise from the local level and grow from there.

WHO is to attend? We want as many people to attend as possible. Certainly the leaders in our churches-elders, trustees, officers of the Womens' Associations, Sunday Schools and Westminster Fellowship groups. (In southeast Alaska we have had to limit the number of airplane fares from each area due to our budget limitations. The Princeton Hall will be picking up passengers for the Ketchikan consultations, and the SJS II for the Petersburg consultation. If persons from your church will be in the city where consultations are held they should be urged to attend. Possibly the churches can raise money to send additional delegates, or a local boat can bring a delegation from your church.

WHERE AND WHEN?

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| October 10 | Fairbanks Area
Host Church-First Presbyterian Church in Fairbanks |
| 12 | Anchorage Area
Host Church-First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage |
| 14 | Juneau Area (Angoon, Hoonah, Haines, Klukwan, Skagway, Yakutat)
Host Church-Memorial Presbyterian Church |
| 15 | Petersburg Area (Wrangell, Kake, Sitka)
Host Church-First Presbyterian Church in Petersburg |
| 16 | Ketchikan Area (Metlakatla, Craig, Klawock, Hydaburg)
Host Church- First Presbyterian Church in Ketchikan |

The Rev. James Moore of Aberdeen, Washington, Synod Chairman of Stewardship and Promotion, and Elder Clyde Schmoyer of Westside Presbyterian Church, Seattle, will be our leaders in each of the consultations. We are counting on each of our pastors to make every effort to have a good representation at the consultation in your area.

EVANGELISM

Soon we will be in the midst of our fall Preaching Missions scheduled for October 20-27, with guest speakers from the states. After two years of experience, many fields are trying a different type of program this year in order to reach more people. A growing emphasis is being placed on training for Visitation and Friendship Evangelism both before, during, and after the Preaching Mission.

Each church ought to be drawing up a list of prospective members to be called on by visitors and also by your guest speaker. Let us spend our time as our missionary's time doing this very important part of the mission-reaching the Unreached. Less time should be spent on simply calling on members of the congregation as fine as this is.

KSEW

The Board of National Missions has granted money to KSEW "The Voice of Sheldon Jackson" at Sitka, for necessary enlargements of the station building to more adequately house the offices and studios. The crowded conditions have worked a hardship on the program facilities of the station.

After three years of faithful and pioneering service, Rev. Hendrick Van Dyke has resigned as manager of KSEW to take a pastorate at Cannon Beach, Oregon. To "Van" goes our deep appreciation for all he has done to keep the station on the air through very troubled times.

Mr. Herb Wells has been appointed the manager of the station. Herb has had ten years of experience with NBC and affiliate stations. He has completed two years of seminary work. We are thrilled to have a man of his ability take over the station. Welcome, Herb!

Other new staff members at KSEW are Rev. Keith LeMay, graduate of San Anselmo last June. Keith takes over the position of Chief Engineer. He worked in KSEW in the summer of 1955 and now holds the 1st Class FCC license.

Mr. John Mead, a graduate summer student at KSEW is remaining on the staff as Program Director. John has completed his theological studies at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Rev. Randolph McCluggage is continuing on in the radio station heading up the commercial department. "Mac" served this summer on the announcing staff.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE

The Presbyterian Hospitality House has completed six months operation in August. From far and near have come comments regarding the very valuable service that this House is giving. Mr. and Mrs. Harry (Mabel) Rasmussen are doing excellent work there along with Mrs. Smith.

Since opening its doors, Hospitality House (with a capacity of 8 girls) has had a daily average of 8.2 residents who have stayed on an average of $7\frac{1}{2}$ days each. One hundred twelve girls have stayed in the home. Serving girls of working age the home has become really a Home for many girls who are strange to Fairbanks and needing a friendly Christian center in which they can live until they find work or are cared for by others. Here is a list of some pressing needs at the Home. Would your church like to help supply them? Perhaps there are individuals who would like to help. More information can be secured by writing to Mrs. Mabel Rasmussen, 1406 Airport Road, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Sets of dishes-preferably melmac or pyrex. Matching service for 8.
Cereal dishes-dessert dishes-serving dishes
Bowls of all kinds
Drinking glasses
Four large kettles - two of them 12 quart size

NEW WORKER AT MT. EDGECUMBE

Mr. and Mrs. Alistair Short have gone Outside on furlough and after furlough will be retired. The Shorts have carried on an effective ministry to the patients at the Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital and Sanitarium and to the Mt. Edgecumbe School. Part of Mr. Short's time was given to the program of the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka where he headed the Christin Education work. The Short's temporary address is c/o General Delivery, Portland, Oregon. We wish for them God's richest blessings in their future plans.

Rev. and Mrs. Austin Van Pelt have taken over the Mt. Edgecumbe work. Austin has been on the staff at KSEW since early last spring. Eleanor has also shared in the radio work. Rev. Van Pelt will divide his time between the work at Mt. Edgecumbe and teaching Bible at Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

ALL ALASKA CONFERENCE

Many folks have written to say how much the All Alaska Workers Conference meant to them and to their work. The program as well as the hospitality offered by Sheldon Jackson made the conference enjoyable to all.

The Church Officer Training program under the leadership of Dr. Don Hall and Rev. James Hall was a thrill to all who took part. The experience of sharing in informal groups and giving each man opportunity to speak what was on his heart proved to be an excellent approach to the Leadership Training that we can carry on in our own churches.

Dr. Louis Evans' challenging sermons and thought provoking Bible studies directed us to our central purpose as Ambassadors of Christ. To get to know such men as Dr. Evans through community living for a week is to share in a fine experience. Dr. Skornia's leadership in radio, and Mr. Fred Palmer's "Workshop" presentation of "Selling Your Message" really carried a terrific punch. So many other features were so very helpful and stimulating - the discussions on native cultures, the thinking together on cooperation between our many fields of service, the Governor's message and Mr. Olson's presentation of the policies and program of the Alaska Native Service, Dr. Jackman's and Miss Gladfelter's messages, and finally the Communion Service. Truly we can thank God for the marvelous time of fellowship, learning and spiritual renewal. May we go back to our fields with greater dedication to our task and with a sense that we are not alone but part of a big fellowship, a prayer fellowship, where we carry on anothers burdens. May we move on out to revitalize the work on each field. Though we know discouragement, yet our hopes have eagles wings and God is greater than our fears.

KLUKWAN SENDS GIFTS

Last April the congregation of Klukwan Presbyterian Church, under the leadership of Mrs. Mayreld Swanson, sent 72 pairs of knitted gloves and mittens as well as many woolen caps, socks and sweaters to Mr. Alaistair Short, our lay missionary at Mt. Edgecumbe school and hospital for distribution to patients. Mr. Short wrote how welcome such gifts are and how well they can be used in his work at these institutions.

SUMMER REPLACEMENTS

The churches without regular pastors this summer found that they were doubly blessed - knowing their pastors were taking earned vacations and at the same time they were having the service of experienced, consecrated ministers who were filling in for the summer.

Dr. (and Mrs.) Burney Shell from Clarksville, Arkansas was the interim pastor at Woodland Park Church, Spenard, and Dr. (and Mrs.) John Klein of Denver, Colorado was the interim pastor at First Church, Fairbanks. The warmth of friendship and fellowship that these folks have reported indicates they found a real place in the life of the church in Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bartholomew were summer workers at First Church, Fairbanks, taking responsibility for the Eskimo work there and helping with the Presbyterian Hospitality House. The Bartholomew's have returned to Princeton Seminary (Ah!) where John will complete his senior year. We are hoping to see these folks in our Alaska Work.

NEW E.M.C. FILMSTRIP

A new filmstrip, not included in the film supplement #3 issued in July, is available to all churches immediately. It is titled "How Far Can You See?" This filmstrip (96 frames, color, sound 33 RPM microgroove) explains the nature of the Presbyterian Benevolence Program for 1958-1962. It is a statement of basic reasons for having this program. It explains the parts of the Program, and tells how much Presbyterians give to the church and into what kinds of work the money goes. It gives the basic Christian motive for a broader response by congregations and by individual members. It is available from Box 2539, Juneau, Alaska.

THE BROKEN MASK

The Broken Mask (available from the Juneau Office), the movie designed to be used with the National Missions theme, Christ, the Church and Race, was awarded a Golden Reel award at the annual Golden Reel Banquet last April. The Golden Reel is the most coveted award in the cultural, educational, and industrial film fields.

Here is a film everyone should see!

THIS HIGH CALLING

Has your church used the film "This High Calling"? (See pamphlet enclosed) If not you ought to use it this fall or winter in your program. Some churches have used it several times with various groups of the church. Let's have 100% of our churches show this film. Our records show that 68% of the churches in Alaska Presbytery and 50% in the Yukon Presbytery have used the film. It is available from the Juneau office.

NEWS OF THE FIELDS

.....A trip on the Princeton Hall these days quickly tells you there have been personnel changes in the "Presbyterian Navy". Skipper Dick Nelson and family are on furlough in the states September through December. Filling in as skipper is Rev. George Betts, an experienced boatman. George will be serving the church at Angoon after January 1st. Rev. Richard Stussi continues on board. Rev. William Zeiger has been added to the crew. Bill graduated from San Anselmo, and married Gertrude Holabird in June. Bill is not new to Alaska having served an internship of 15 months at the Barrow Presbyterian Church.

.....Mrs. Mayreld Swanson, Director of Christian Education in the Alaska Presbytery, is outside for her earned furlough and is living at Biblical Seminary in New York while taking school work at New York University. Mrs. Swanson conducted 16 DVBS this summer in southeastern Alaska using three land based teams and two boat teams. This was two less schools than last year, but the total enrollment and attendance was better than any previous year. While Mrs. Swanson is in school the work is being carried on by the Christian Education Committee. Mayreld's address is c/o Biblical Seminary, 235 E. 49th St.

.....Haines House has a new director in the person of William Wiley. Bill is now new to Alaska either. He was farmer and maintenance man at Haines from 1951-1953. He entered the military service at Anchorage, and after his discharge returned to Ohio State University where he got his B.S. in Agriculture and Rural Sociology and Social Administration. Bill also spent a summer at the Ganado Mission in 1948. Mrs. Wiley, (Phyllis) earned her B.S. in Home Economics from Ohio State.

Other new staff persons are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lippincott and family. Mr. Lippincott is in charge of the farm and maintenance work. Miss Eleanor Craig took over responsibilities as bookkeeper and secretary as of August 1st. Miss Barbara Neithamer and Mr. and Mrs. William Meyers came to take charge of the younger girls and older boys groups.

.....A host of staff persons have come to Sheldon Jackson. We will not mention all by name here as we are all faithful readers of the Verstovian, the Sheldon Jackson publication, and this will keep you up to date.

.....Attractive church bulletins have been put into service at Chapel-by-the-Lake at Auke Bay. A sketch of the log chapel and scenery nearby is very neatly done. Work is continuing at the Chapel to complete the shaking of the roof.

.....Rev. Robert (and Phyllis) Van Nest is finding the yoked field of Craig-Klawock a growing challenge. With his new International CarryAll he can get between the towns very nicely over 7 miles of roads. (Roads?? One person said the distance is 7 miles on level ground and another 5 miles up and down!) In reference to the increased load he has undertaken Bob writes, "I feel I am being used to the fullest and that is always more gratifying than just going along on one cylinder."

.....The Henry Hartman's managed to get their summer cottage built on their home site this summer just outside of Haines. Rev. Elmer Parker (now of Klukwan) gave them a hand and soon expects to start building his own home nearby.

.....The Arthur Johnsons are comfortably settled in their new work at Hoonah. A service of Introduction is being planned for October 20th by the Alaska Presbytery.

NEWS OF THE FIELDS(continued)

.....Rev. and Mrs. Paul Moyer arrived on their field at Hydaburg July 15th. Paul is not new to Alaska having worked here one summer several years ago at which time he visited many of the mission stations in both Presbyteries. The Moyers were married in June of this year and come from serving a church at Conneautville, Pennsylvania.

.....The new manse (a Pan Abode) has arrived at Kake. The unloading of the building and getting it on site was accomplished with good speed with many willing hands from the Kake people. The pilings are all in and the sub-floor laid. They are waiting for Mr. Chester Latta of Sheldon Jackson to come over and get them started on the house raising. Mr. Latta has built three of this type building this summer at S.J. so has a wealth of experience. The Kake people are anxious to get the house up as quickly as possible. They did not sit around all summer awaiting the new building, however, but made very much needed renovations to the Church building. Rev. and Mrs. Chuck Heier have been doing an outstanding job in the Kake field.

.....The Ketchikan Church(Rev. and Mrs. Paul Moser) has purchased a site for a new church building. The Mosers are living th their new manse purchased last spring.

.....The Alaska Highway Parish has a new pastor-Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Moore and family. The Moores came to Alaska from serving the Presbyterian church at Friendsville, Texas. Their daughter, Sareen, is a freshman student at Sheldon Jackson this fall.

.....Construction is progressing on the Christian Education building at Hillcrest Church, (Rev. and Mrs. Paul Evans) in Anchorage. A "jungle" of details and restrictions have made progress slow, but we are hoping the building will be closed in before winter weather is here.

.....Anchorage First Church (Rev. and Mrs. Frank Walkup) hosted a very successful Christian Education Leadership school in August. Excellent leadership was supplied by the Synod of Washington. Let us plan on several car loads of folks from Alaska Presbytery attend the Leadership School in Anchorage next year. The cost of the school was cared for by the Board of Christian Education, the Board on National Missions, and Anchorage First Presbyterian Church.

.....Rev. and Mrs. Vic Alfsen and family returned to Fairbanks First Church after a three month vacation in the states visiting friends and family all the way to the east coast. They stopped and visited Miss Emma Stauffer who served so nobly in National Missions work throughout Alaska.

.....Rev. and Mrs. Arthur French are new missionaries to Gambell, St. Lawrence Island. Art served a year of internship at Wasilla and Palmer two years ago. He graduated from Princeton and he and Carolyn were married in June. Carolyn was a visiting nurse for the city of Denver. Since arriving at Gambell the Public Health nurse has left and Carolyn as been appointed as the nurse.

.....It was a real joy to have Miss Louise Avery of Savoonga at the Sitka Conference. Her way was paid by the churches of the Anchorage area and the young people who attended Kings Lake Camp who gave their offerings for this purpose.

.....Back from furlough and ready to plunge in again is the Ralph Weeks family.. They too travelled from coast to coast and to Southern California visiting their many friends.

NEWS OF THE FIELDS(continued)

.....The men and women of the Wainwright congregation are working together to complete the new manse that has been under construction for two years. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Ahmaogak are hoping to be in the new manse before winter sets in.

.....Another field with a new manse is the Wasilla church. A work team of 13 members from southern California did most of the work during one month. Starting from the sub floor, they raised the log walls, put on a second story floor and roof. Before leaving they had put up all the sheetrock. A cesspool, sewer and water lines were also dug. The Urban's are expecting to move into the house in October or November.

THE STORK REPORT

What has happened? This report is very short this time! New members arriving since our last issue of PAY have been:

Hester and Samuel Simmonds of Barrow announce the birth of a boy, Erdman Ungarook Simmonds, born April 1st in Barrow. We are sorry that his arrival was not announced in our last issue, but the news did not reach us in time.

Kerry and Neil Munro of Big Delta announce the birth of their first child, Peter Todd Munro, born July 1st. He was born in Fairbanks and weighed 7 pounds 5 ozs.

ALASKA PRESBYTERIAL TRIP

Mrs. Leslie Yaw, President of the Alaska Presbyterial, and Mrs. Irene Cleworth have just completed an itineration of the villages and cities of southeastern Alaska to speak to the Womens' groups in each of the churches and encourage them to embark on a stronger womens program. The women travelled for two weeks on the Princeton-Hall, and were joined by Miss Isabel Miller for part of the trip.

JUNIOR COLLEGE DORMITORY UNDER CONSTRUCTION


Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong, President of Sheldon Jackson, announced recently that the contract for construction of the new \$200,000 Junior College Dormitory has been signed with C and R Builders of Seattle and Sitka with construction to start right away. The dorm will house 52 students.

This new building will greatly advance the Junior College program. We all rejoice in this forward step of Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

NEW MOTORSHIP

Construction of the new boat which is to replace the Princeton Hall is underway at the Bellinger Boat Works in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Delivery is expected about the end of November. We are all happy with the prospects of the new boat this winter.

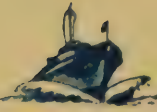
By the way, we are still looking for a name for the new boat. Please send your ideas in to Dr. Jackman as soon as you have an "inspiration".



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Presbyteries of Alaska & Yukon

*Across the miles we join our hearts and
hopes in prayer that Christ will rekindle in us
His love at this blessed Christmas season.*

*To all of you... on the tundra, in the valleys,
on the islands, in the cities and villages of
Alaska, God's richest blessings abide with you
all.*

Brian H. Cleworth

ALASKAN SEMINAR IN 1958

A major 1958 travel event is the sixth National Missions Alaska Traveling Seminar. Scheduled for late June and early July, the seminar is planned to introduce Presbyterians to Alaska and the Church's mission work in the territory. The trip is divided into three sections.

The first segment, June 18 to 27, is a tour of Southeast Alaska. The group will visit Petersburg, Sitka, Hoonah, Haines, Klukwan, Skagway and Juneau. The approximate cost will be \$330.

The second part of the tour, June 27 to July 2, is a trip to the interior. This includes a visit to Anchorage, the Matanuska Valley, Fairbanks, the University of Alaska, and Big Delta. The additional cost is \$175.

The final section, July 2 to 5, is a tour of the Arctic Coast. It will include a visit to Barrow, a radar station on the DEW Line, Kotzebue, Nome, and St. Lawrence Island. The additional cost will be \$235 if there are less than 20 persons in the group, or \$220 if there are 20 to 25 who sign up for the Arctic tour.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman will direct the seminar, which is open to all Presbyterians who are in good health. Enrollment is limited to thirty.

"MY NEW LIFE"

Arrangements are being made to have a copy of the very popular and inspiring film "My New Life" available from the Juneau office. Due to the high cost of the film (to purchase outright about \$300), we are securing a rental copy for a two months period - probably February and March, 1958. Churches will be asked to contribute something for the use of the film. It rents for \$10 a showing. However, let this not prevent any church from using the film as we will waive the rental if a church cannot meet the cost. More information and advertising flyers will be sent to you soon.

AUDIO-VISUAL ADDITIONS

New filmstrips arriving since the last supplement to our Audio-Visual catalogue of films available from the Juneau office are:

How Far Can You See? An interpretive filmstrip for use with the Every Member Canvass for 1958 showing the use made of monies given to the Benevolence Budget of the Presbyterian Church.

Youth and the Church Budget. A new filmstrip telling how youth can and do play an important part in the budget of the Church.

These new visual aids for use with the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in the spring are entitled:

The Long Stride. (film) This movie shows the need in Hong Kong, Korea, the Near East, and Europe, and is an unusually moving film. Black and White. Sound.

Wait a Minute. (filmstrip) A new cartoon style filmstrip for children. It endeavors to show the need among children and adults in such areas as Hong Kong, Korea, the Holy Land, and Europe.

THE DUTIES OF THE RULING ELDER PUBLISHED

September 23 was the publication date for The Duties of the Ruling Elder, a long awaited little book of vital importance to men in the Presbyterian Church.

Paul S. Wright, former Moderator, and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon, has written this completely new book which replaces the old title, The Ruling Elder. It carries a foreword by Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk.

The purpose of The Duties of the Ruling Elder is to persuade capable men in the Presbyterian Church to accept the honor and duties in the office of Ruling Elder. Dr. Wright outlines in five chapters the Biblical and historical sanctions for the office, basic qualifications of mind and character, affirmations made at ordination, and the way in which pastor and ruling elders work together for the welfare of the individual congregation and the benefit of the whole denomination. Emphasis is given to the church's need for able, thoughtful men and to the mutual enrichment resulting from their response.

The Duties of the Ruling Elder, published by the Westminster Press, is priced at \$1.00, and may be purchased at Westminster Book Stores.

TO DO PROMOTIONAL SPEAKING IN STATES

During February, 3 men from Alaska will carry out speaking assignments in California and Pennsylvania. Rev. Victor Alfsen will speak in Northern California February 12-19. Dr. Walter Soboleff will speak in Northern California February 23-28. Both men will be attending the Western Area Stewardship and Promotion meetings in Sacramento February 19-20 and the Mens' meeting in Sacramento February 21-23. Rev. Brian Cleworth will be the "Missionary in Residence" for Philadelphia Presbytery February 5-16, speaking throughout the Presbytery. He will also attend the meetings in Sacramento.

Let us remember these men as well as those on furlough that we may speak of the Alaska work with conviction and challenge trusting always that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

PRESBYTERIAN LEADERS ATTEND ANB CONVENTION

The Presbyterian Church was represented at the annual convention of the Alaska Native Brotherhood at Kake, November 11-16 by Mr. William Wiley, Dr. R. R. Armstrong, Miss Isabel Miller, The Princeton Hall Crew and Rev. B. Cleworth. All had an opportunity to speak to the Convention. The Sheldon Jackson student body elected Ronald Leask to represent them and the Sheldon Jackson choir sang one evening.

PREACHING MISSION REPORTS

With all reports in for the October Preaching Missions across Alaska, it is interesting to go over them and compile statistics and read the recommendations for future years.

The results show that a great spiritual force was at work throughout the whole Territory. 144 Professions of Faith were made and 398 Re-dedications were made. Calls made during the week totaled 830.

Report after report included many fine experiences. Of great value was the help the missionary on the field received from the visiting minister. One man wrote, "I learned that I can make a good call in 15 minutes". Others gained valuable information on how to carry on their evangelism emphasis throughout the year through the session and Church organizations.

Out of 25 fields reporting - 18 fields want a Preaching Mission next year. Three men suggest that we exchange ministers within Alaska for one year, thus adjusting the dates to suit the individual fields. Several fields tried the program that Haines used last year and reported good acceptance and a better outreach than straight preaching services every night. Many used two or three nights to train lay people in visitation and friendship calling and went out calling one or two evenings.

Most fields made no suggestions of changing the time. Two fields mentioned January or February as being preferable. Another feels the present time is good for getting fall program into "high gear".

PREACHING MISSION REPORTS (continued)

Probably the most "used" missionary was Rev. Rohrbaugh who served at Sitka. He spoke a total of 30 times in 8 days - speaking daily at Sheldon Jackson morning chapel services and speaking daily on KSEW, and 3 Church services each Sunday.

One of the promising outcomes of the Preaching Mission is that many fields see the need and have caught the idea of Friendship calling and Visitation Evangelism programs in the total program of the Church. A more fruitful part of the program we do not know.

ORGANISTS' EDITION OF HYMNBOOK AVAILABLE

An organists' edition of "The Hymnbook" is now available at Westminster Book stores at \$6.00 per copy.

The publishing committee for this new hymnal from five Presbyterian and Reformed denominations has created this new tool in response to many requests.

It is spiral bound in stiff back binding so it will open flat to any page.

NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

Rev. George Betts is completing his assignment on the Princeton Hall and will retire as of December 31st. He will live at ANGOON where he will carry on the work of the Church. The Alaska Presbytery presented George with a watch last spring as a memento of their love and affection for him and Katie and their service to Christ and the Church.

Rev. Kenneth Smith, ANKE BAY, was called to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania at the death of his mother after a brief illness. Our deepest sympathy to Ken and Betty and their family.

Henry Hartmann, HAINES, underwent surgery at Sitka in October for a knee injury. He returned during the week of the Preaching Mission and is reported completely recovered.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson, HOONAH, has returned to Hoonah after visiting in Seattle upon the birth of a grandchild in October.

Walter and Genevieve Soboleff, JUNEAU MEMORIAL CHURCH, have returned from Seattle where Genevieve underwent surgery. We are all hoping for a speedy recovery and hope to see her up and about very soon.

The Charles Heirs, KAKE, have moved into their new manse and are enjoying roaming around after being cramped up for nearly a year in temporary quarters. A Pan-Abode house was built with the help of local men, and several days help by Sheldon Jackson maintenance men who came over on the SJS II.

The PETERSBURG Church, Ron and Pat Snelling, burned the mortgage on their organ at a special service on Thanksgiving Day and plans have been submitted to the Board by the church for a new wing.

BENEVOLENCE STANDINGS OF ALASKAN CHURCHES FOR 1956

Recently a study was published showing the percentage ratios of giving to Benevolences (through Central Receiving Agency) and money expended for current expenses in the local church in the year 1956. The churches were grouped according to their membership.

Below is the grouping of Alaskan churches showing their standing among other churches in Alaska and also their standing with churches across the country of their own size.

<u>ALASKA</u> <u>STANDING</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>%AGE RATIO OF</u> <u>G.A. GIVING TO</u> <u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>	<u>NATIONAL STANDINGS</u>
1	Angeon	46.34	7th of 339 churches with 40-49 members
2	Haines	25.34	19th of 360 " " 110-124 "
3	Wainwright	20.41	31st of 360 " " 110-124 "
4	Gambell	16.86	51st of 324 " " 160-179 "
5	Savoonga	16.48	55th of 324 " " 160-179 "
6	College	15.75	30th of 269 " " 90-99 "
7	Ketchikan	15.53	52nd of 297 " " 125-139 "
8	Craig	14.83	39th of 286 " " 70-79 "
9	Wrangell	14.00	69th of 297 " " 125-139 "
10	Yakutat	13.47	61st of 339 " " 40-49 "
11	*Sitka	13.44	155th of 297 " " 350-399 "
12	Klukwan	12.69	77th of 356 " " 50-59 "
13	*Fairbanks, First	12.46	181st of 376 " " 300-349 "
14	* Anchorage, Faith	10.75	102nd of 360 " " 110-124 "
15	Palmer	9.14	149th of 324 " " 160-179 "
16	*Juneau, No.Light	8.54	269th of 376 " " 300-349 "
17	*Anchorage, First	8.16	266th of 314 " " 525-624 "
18	Petersburg	7.63	136th of 339 " " 40-49 "
19	Barrow	7.07	278th of 314 " " 525-624 "
20	Skagway	6.13	136th of 269 " " 90-99 "
21	Wasilla	6.08	124th of 299 " " 20-29 "
22	Klawock	4.97	148th of 230 " " 80-89 "
23	Spenard, W. Park	4.71	279th of 357 " " 140-159 "
24	Metlakatla	3.53	241st of 297 " " 125-139 "
25	Hydaburg	2.81	258th of 297 " " 125-139 "
26	Auke Bay	2.56	221st of 296 " " 60-69 "
27	Kake	2.00	228th of 269 " " 90-99 "
28	Juneau, Memorial	.69	303rd of 321 " " 200-224 "
29	Hoonah	.00	242nd of 242 " " 100-109 "

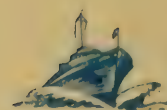
(no figures available for churches under 20 members - Anchorage Hillcrest, Railbelt, and Big Delta.)

* Self-supporting churches

Only a few weeks remain in 1957 for sending in money to the Central Receiving Agency for credit towards this year's giving. Please urge your treasurer to send in all Benevolence monies before the end of the year to count towards this years giving.



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November 1958

SITKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DEDICATED



First Presbyterian Church, Sitka, Alaska

The new sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka was dedicated on Sunday, October 26th. Participating in the service were Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Rev. Bruce Evans of Springfield, N.J., Mr. Herb Wells, Mr. William Bullock, Mr. Chester Latta, Rev. Fred Koschmann, Rev. Brian Cleworth and the pastor Rev. William Gavin.

The Sitka congregation can be proud of this very lovely sanctuary with its spacious chancel and nave. A large stained glass window in the chancel depicts three youths, Eskimo, Indian, and White, looking upward to the figure of Christ the Good Shepherd. The design and quality of the chancel furniture and pews are among the finest anywhere. We can all be proud of this newest of our Alaskan Presbyterian Churches and the dedication and sacrificial labor to which it bears witness.

ALASKAN CHURCHES MAKE GOOD RECORD IN SUPPORTING THE GENERAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH

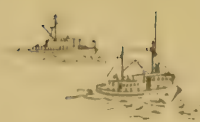
Yukon Presbytery was one of four presbyteries in the entire Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. that shared top honors with 100% participation of its churches in the One Great Hour of Sharing in 1957. Yukon Presbytery ranked fourth nationally in the number of churches receiving the Servicemen's Offering with 79% of Yukon's churches contributing to this special offering.

Alaska Presbytery had 58% participation of its churches in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and 32% of its churches taking up the Servicemen's Offering.

Our Presbytery Stewardship and Promotion Committees are doing good jobs in keeping our churches informed of the current needs in the General Mission of the Church (no longer called "Benevolences") and in the special offerings.

All churches should note that the Offering for Servicemen's Families has been discontinued as this ministry has been incorporated into the General Mission budget and in its place we are to have the White Gift At Christmas Offering for the needy peoples of the world, with special emphasis on Holy Land refugees. This offering has been a regular part of the giving of the former United Presbyterian Church. Free leaflets, posters, offering envelopes may be secured from Presbyterian Distribution Service. For information on this offering write to the Department of Stewardship and Promotion, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

SOUTHEASTERN BOAT MINISTRY



During this summer and fall we have been operating both of our mission motorships. The Board of National Missions has not made a decision yet as to whether we will keep the Princeton-Hall or not. The Anna Jackman has moved her home port to Petersburg. Dick Nelson is the skipper and Rev. Bill Zeiger is the evangelist-mate on board. The Zeiger's have secured housing in Petersburg and the Nelson's are living on board the boat.

The Princeton-Hall has been in port for three months but will be under way early in November. Mr. Willis George, an elder of the Angoon Church, is to be the skipper. Rev. Dick Stussi will be the evangelist-mate on board and will continue to live in Juneau where the boat is presently based.

Using both boats we will be able to carry on a more intensive program of itinerant evangelism than we have been able to do before. Generally the Anna Jackman will be working in the lower straits and the Princeton-Hall in the upper straits.

RICHARD TURNER ATTENDS EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

Alaska Presbytery's Chairman of Evangelism, Richard Turner of Skagway, attended the Western Area Briefing Conference in Berkeley, California, Oct. 29-30. The discussions and planning centered around the theme, "Our Mission In America".

Under a new arrangement with the Division of Evangelism the chairmen of the Evangelism Committees in both of our Alaska presbyteries will attend the Area meetings of Evangelism chairmen on an alternating basis. This is the first year that either of our chairmen were invited to attend.

ARCTIC OCEAN



BARROW CHURCH SUPPORTS ALASKA WORK

Last year Yukon Presbytery established the "Advance Fund" for specific projects in Church Extension throughout the presbytery. A site for a projected new church has been purchased in the Westgate Subdivision of Fairbanks for \$5500. Other sites are being projected.

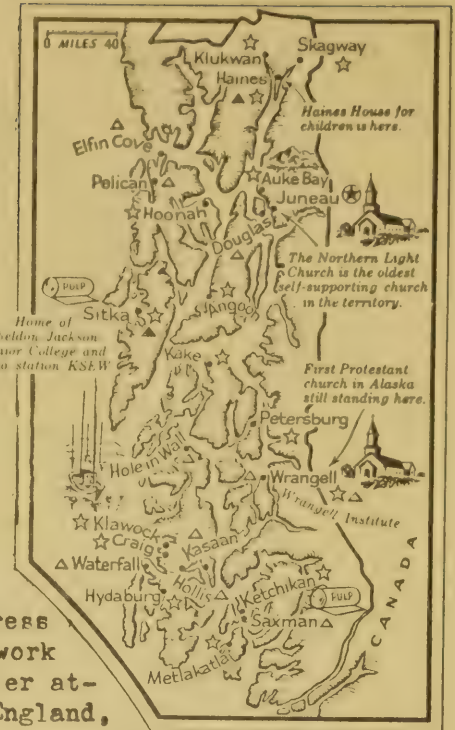
The Advance Fund is being supported by a \$1.00 assesment on each member of the church in Yukon Presbytery.

This assesment meant an item of \$547 for the eskimo church at Barrow. When this matter came before the session of the Barrow Church it was discussed at length. "To what extent does an eskimo, aid-receiving field have an obligation to help church extension projects in areas like Anchorage and Fairbanks?" When the matter came to a vote, the session wholeheartedly voted to send \$547 from the church offerings for the Advance Fund. The pastor wrote: "They were happy to have a share in helping other churches get started in growing areas of Alaska."

NEWS OF THE FIELDS

ALASKA PRESBYTERY

Mrs. Mayreld Swanson is serving as Lend-lease Christian Education counsellor at the Ketchikan Church during September and October. Following this she will be at Skagway during November and December. This new counselling service is being enthusiastically received at Ketchikan....Mrs. Katherine Legare, house-mother at Haines House is still hospitalized in Juneau from injuries she received in an airplane crash late in July while returning from furlough in the states to Haines. A card or letter from you would bring added cheer some long day. Write: Mrs. Katherine Legare, St. Anns Hospital, Juneau....Mrs. Keith LeMay, wife of KSEW's engineer Keith LeMay, is recovering from surgery performed at Mayo Hospital in Rochester in August. She is making satisfactory progress and is in Sitka....Isabel Miller has returned to her work of Christian Social Service after furlough. Miss Miller attended the Women's meeting at Purdue and visited in England, France and the Holy Land....KSEW's newest staff member is Mr. Birton Hilson, a graduate of Houghton College, class of '58. Welcome, Birt to our Alaskan family!Mrs. Katie Betts is very ill at home in Angoon. Our prayers and Christian love are for Katie and George in these days of sickness....Phyllis and Bob Van Nest of Craig (little Chicago!) announced the arrival of Jeffrey Robert on August 10th weighing 9 lbs. 7 oz....Elmer Parker has regained his strength after a severe bout with the flu last winter that left him quite ill during the summer at Klukwan. He is staying at the Hartmann's in Haines but going up to Klukwan to hold services each week....Paul Moyer made an emergency trip to Walnut, Penn. in July to be with his mother who was critically ill. However, Paul's mother had died before he could get there. His father had been injured early in July in a farm accident. The Moyer's announced the arrival of their first child, Stephen Bradley, on June 11th. Stephen was born in the Ketchikan hospital....The Kake Church is vacant this winter. Until a pastor is found for the church the motor-vessels are coming in once a month and the gospel team from Sheldon Jackson is going in one or two weekends a month to hold services....Mr. Henry Fawcett, a candidate for the ministry under care of Alaska Presbytery, is serving the Metlakatla Church as a lay worker. Henry was raised in Metlakatla....KSEW has enlarged its station building during the summer with the help of summer workers and work campers. In the new building are two studios, reception room, and offices for the general manager, program director and commercial manager. New turntables and a new console in the control room give much better quality and ease in program production....Two "Pan-Abode" houses are being built adjoining KSEW for staff housing....Our church at Yakutat is vacant since the departure of the Klavers during the summer. Rev. Richard Stussi of the Princeton-Hall spent two weeks at Yakutat early in October. Rev. and Mrs. Bert Bingle will be going to Yakutat in January as intrim workers until a regular pastor arrives on the field.



CONDIT HOUSE TO BE DEDICATED



The new Junior College dormitory, Condit House, will be dedicated on the campus of Sheldon Jackson Junior College, Sunday, November 16th. Dr. Archibald Stewart, Associate General Secretary of the Board of National Missions will participate in the ceremony along with Miss Helen E. Irvine, Associate Secretary, Department of Missionary Personnel.

This new dormitory is designed to house 55 students in its two wings. Between the wings is a spacious student lounge and connecting supervisor's apartment. With the completion of this building a long felt need for the Junior College has become a reality.

NUMBER OF CHURCHES USING YOUTH BUDGET INCREASING



Churches using the Youth Budget Program of our denomination are finding that early training of youth in stewardship pays great dividends in bringing you to an understanding of their responsibility to Christ and to His Church as stewards. The Youth Budget is a training program in stewardship for youth. Churches that do not use this plan....how are you training your youth to be stewards?

Six churches in Alaska Presbytery found that their Youth Budget giving has increased from \$155 in 1956 to \$405 in 1957. The two churches in Yukon Presbytery increased their youth giving from \$87 in 1956 to \$250 in 1957.

A new filmstrip, Youth and the Church Budget, is available from the film library as well as leaflets and information on starting the Youth Budget Program in your church.

FOUR ALASKAN'S ATTEND CAMP AND CONFERENCE INSTITUTE

Alaska was well represented at the Camp and Conference Institute held at Camp Arrah Wana, near Portland, Oregon, October 27 - 31. Rev. Henry Hartmann and Rev. Ronald Snelling of Alaska Presbytery and Rev. Bert Rutan and Rev. Neil Munro of Yukon Presbytery attended the conference. Camp program, building plans, camp planning, administration of camps and conferences were phases of an intensive week-long institute.

FOURTH EVANGELISTIC MISSION TO ALASKA HELD

Nineteen churches throughout Alaska participated in the Fourth Evangelistic Mission, October 19-26. Fifteen guest ministers were released by their churches in the states to participate in this mission.

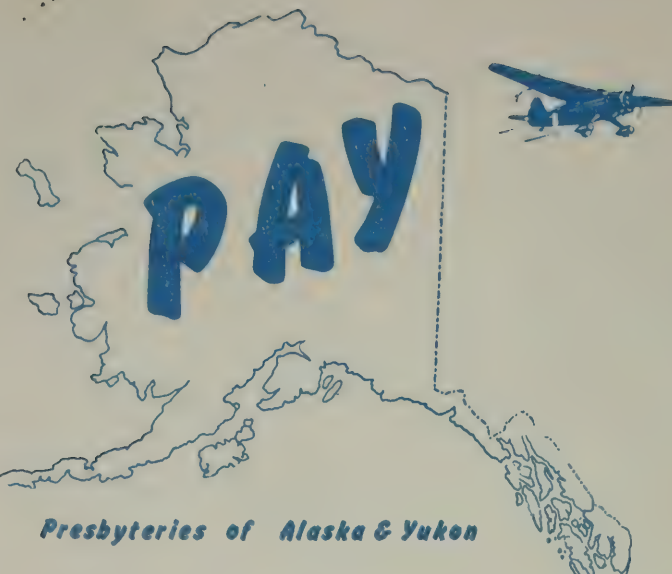
BENEVOLENCE STANDINGS OF ALASKAN CHURCHES FOR 1957

ALASKA STANDING	CHURCH	%AGE RATIO OF G.A. GIVING TO CURRENT EXPENSE	PER CAPITA GIVING TO ALL CAUSES**	NATIONAL STANDINGS			
1	*Sitka First	25.93%	\$15.22	26th of 379 churches of 300-349 memb.			
2	Klukwan	25.30%	3.95	6th of 302	"	"	60-69 "
3	Haines	24.79%	14.22	16th of 312	"	"	125-139 "
4	Gambell	21.45%	1.48	25th of 328	"	"	160-179 "
5	Savoonga	19.44%	.88	35th of 289	"	"	180-199 "
6	Craig	17.04%	7.15	25th of 302	"	"	60-69 "
7	College	14.43%	12.86	40th of 247	"	"	100-109 "
8	Skagway	13.85%	16.27	38th of 280	"	"	70-79 "
9	Wrangell	13.23%	7.11	76th of 312	"	"	125-139 "
10	*Fairbanks, First	12.92%	16.52	178th of 379	"	"	300-349 "
11	Barrow	12.63%	2.50	209th of 305	"	"	525-624 "
12	Yakutat	11.86%	5.46	78th of 328	"	"	40-49 "
13	*Juneau, Nor. Light	10.95%	9.36	223rd of 379	"	"	300-349 "
14	*Anchorage, Faith	10.83%	14.35	105th of 329	"	"	110-124 "
15	Auke Bay	10.17%	7.87	76th of 241	"	"	80-89 "
16	*Anchorage, First	9.35%	12.92	243rd of 305	"	"	525-624 "
17	Palmer	8.50%	10.75	167th of 289	"	"	180-199 "
18	Ketchikan	8.49%	4.65	159th of 312	"	"	125-139 "
19	Wasilla	8.39%	8.56	103rd of 340	"	"	30-39 "
20	Petersburg	6.26%	8.40	166th of 328	"	"	40-49 "
21	Metlakatla	5.46%	4.22	224th of 312	"	"	125-139 "
22	Healy Fork, Railbelt	4.20%	6.26	132nd of 267	"	"	20-29 "
23	Juneau, Memorial	3.97%	2.54	282nd of 328	"	"	160-179 "
24	Kake	3.86%	1.18	190th of 247	"	"	100-109 "
25	Spenard, Woodl. Park	3.12%	6.78	269th of 289	"	"	180-199 "
26	Hydaburg	2.45%	.55	283rd of 312	"	"	125-139 "
27	Anch. Hillcrest	.86%	6.83	261st of 328	"	"	40-49 "
28	Hoonah	.23%	.25	231st of 247	"	"	100-109 "
29	Wainwright	--	5.75	320th of 329	"	"	110-124 "
30	Angoon	--	2.04	326th of 328	"	"	40-49 "
31	Klawock	--	--	228th of 229	"	"	90-99 "

*Self supporting church

** National average \$11.63
Alaska average 7.00

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JANUARY 1959

OBSERVATIONS FROM A PARISH WORKER

(Many of us are interested in the impressions a lay parish visitor gets as she calls on families. Miss Olive Fisher, a Parish Worker in the Anchorage area passes along these observations and suggestions. All of us can profit from them.

1. NEED FOR BIBLE STUDY IN THE CHURCH PROGRAM. Many tell me they do not learn much about the Bible and its contents in Church School or in sermons they hear. The Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses go into homes once or twice a week for weeks, explaining their version of the Bible and companion books - and are winning converts. Others have told me they do not know much about what their Church believes or stands for. More Bible Study classes and the new membership training classes with filmstrips are supplying some of these needs.

2. FRIENDLINESS. "People are not friendly" is heard often. We know that those who are friendly will have friends, but some people need to be taught. If the officers and others greet everyone present, as far as possible, and introduce a newcomer to another regular attendant so he will see one or more familiar faces each week, he will be more likely to become active in the Church. Make him feel we are glad he is there.

3. COURSE ON HOW TO TEACH LITTLE CHILDREN ABOUT GOD IN THE HOME. Such a course is needed and could be given in Mariners or a parent's class. Such subjects as: Helping your child to pray, Bible stories for children, How to form Christian standards, How to find God in nature and the world around him, How to grow helpful and thoughtful of others, etc.

4. CALLING. The finest way to enlist for Christ and the Church! A friendly call in the home with a cordial invitation to attend services will suffice the first time, unless the conversation leads to a more definite commitment. Arrangement for transportation, if needed, and a genuine interest, with recalls on the family, should win them. Calls by lay people are tremendously important and vital.

5. PRAYER. We have all seen lives changed by prayer, yet it is such an unused power. Use your membership roll as a prayer list, going through it at least once a week. Encourage men and women to use their organizational membership rolls as prayer lists. Church school teachers use their class rolls, names from the guest book, anyone who comes to mind during the day, any who have special needs. We know that God can do wonderful things through our earnest prayers. Let us pray.

The Alaska Association of Churches

The annual meeting of the Alaska Association of Churches will be held in Anchorage February 3-4-5. Two important constitutional changes will be acted upon at this meeting. One changes the name to the Alaska Council of Churches. The other changes the basis of voting representation, giving each communion a minimum of 3 votes (a minister, a layman and a laywoman). An additional vote is given for each 2000 members of the communion in Alaska. Our Presbyterian Church will thus have 6 voting delegates plus the Titular Head who votes. Each Presbytery will have a minister, a layman and a laywoman at the meeting.

Important items of business will include a report from Miss Louise Allen, Executive Director of the Florence Crittenton Homes Association - a national organization serving unwed mothers. The Alaska Association of Churches is paying Miss Allen's expenses from Seattle to Alaska to survey the need and make recommendations for a home for unmarried mothers in Alaska. This is an urgent need and was discussed at last year's meeting in Fairbanks. Another item of business will be the plan to introduce and support a workable and enforceable liquor control law in the legislature.

The Rev. Meryl Ruoss of the National Council of Churches' Department of the Urban Church, will represent that body at our meeting. He will be the banquet speaker on the opening evening.

SPRING MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES

A full program of speakers and business sessions is scheduled for both presbyteries in April meetings. Visitors this year are to be: Dr. C. E. Polhemus, Synod Executive of our Washington Synod, Miss Rachel Benfer, Western Area Secretary of the Board of National Missions Department of Women's Work, Mr. John Park Lee, Director of Institutional Chaplaincy and Welfare Agencies of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions (possibly only attend Alaska Presbytery meeting), and a leader from the Church Officer Training sessions. And of course we cannot forget Dr. Jackman!

Alaska Presbytery (Rev. Henry Hartmann, Moderator) meets in Skagway April 8 - 13 (tentatively, for the Council has not met yet). Yukon Presbytery (Rev. Neil Munro, Moderator) meets at Anchorage First Church, April 14 - 19. Two evenings, April 14-15 Yukon Presbytery will share in the "Festival of Faith" under the sponsorship of the Alaska Council of Churches. Several denominational meetings will be held in Anchorage synonymous with Yukon's meeting, with a united witness and program in the evenings.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

In 1957 25 out of 32 churches in Alaska sent in contributions for One Great Hour of Sharing. The 7 churches that fell down were all in Alaska Presbytery. Yukon Presbytery was one of the few presbyteries across the whole church that had 100% participation.

The 1959 offering will soon be upon us and every church ought to share in this world wide relief offering. The Sunday set for receiving the offering is March 8

VISUAL AIDS

available from the Juneau office are listed on page 14 and 15 of the 1959 Film Catalog. One 29 minute motion picture and four filmstrips with sound are available. Reserve your dates NOW.



NEWS of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in ALASKA

ALASKA PRESBYTERY Mrs. Catherine (Katie) Betts, wife of Rev. George Betts of Angoon, died December 31 at Angoon. Funeral services were held in the Angoon Presbyterian Church January 2nd. Rev. Brian Cleworth officiated. Our deepest sympathy is extended to George and to their daughter, Mrs. Frances Phillips of Petersburg who cared for her mother for the past several months and to the relatives of the family..... Rev. and Mrs. Bert Bingle have taken up the work at Yakutat until May....Mrs. Mayreld Swanson is Lend-lease Counsellor at the Haines Church during January and February....Miss Isabel Miller, Christian Social Work Service, will be in the Anchorage - Fairbanks area during late January and early February....The acting skipper on the Princeton-Hall is Mr. Larry Jackson of Juneau....Rev. and Mrs. Bill Zeiger of Petersburg (Anna Jackman) are anticipating this month. Bill is taking the month off (vacation) for the big event....Sheldon Jackson's Choir will tour February 4 - 11. Points of call will be Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, Ketchikan, and Metlakatla....Mr. and Mrs. William Wiley of Haines House are vacationing in Ohio. While in the states Bill will attend the National Presbyterian Health and Welfare Association's meeting in St. Louis.... Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson are mighty proud grandparents. Their daughter in Seattle gave birth to twins (a boy and a girl) on Christmas Day. Grandma Johnson is in Seattle getting acquainted.

YUKON PRESBYTERY Rev. Wilbur Dierking is interim pastor at Fairbanks First Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dierking arrived in Fairbanks in December after completing 3 years of service at the Union Church of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Mr. Dierking is a member of Waterloo Presbytery. Welcome to the largest and the greatest state! (We guess you think it is the coldest too!)....Rev. Joseph Heckel of the Railbelt Church is the new S & P chairman. As chairman he will attend the Western Area S & P Meeting in Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 17-19. Following this he is to be at Sheldon Jackson School, Sitka, as speaker for Spiritual Emphasis Week....Sheldon Jackson's "Warriors" are in Yukon Presbytery, January 17-28 for basketball games at Anchorage, Seward, Palmer, and Fairbanks. Besides playing games they will participate in church services, youth meetings, and local events.

SCHOLARSHIP HELP

The Eastern Star of Anchorage have granted a \$250 scholarship to Martin Strand, a graduate of Sheldon Jackson High School and Junior College and now a student at Ohio State.

Martin, while a student at SJ, worked evenings and weekends at radio station KSEW as an announcer. He is a capable and skillful broadcaster. At Ohio State he is finishing up his college work, majoring in radio broadcasting. He plans to work in the field of Religious Broadcasting. Martin's home is in Sitka.

We appreciate this scholarship help from the Eastern Star organization to a promising young man from Sheldon Jackson school.

GREETINGS FROM MRS. LEGARE

It was five months the 20th of January since I entered St. Ann's Hospital here in Juneau and I will probably be here another six to eight weeks. In many ways this experience has proved a blessing to me. It has taught me patience, which was one of the fruits of the spirit I was short on. It has given me a unique opportunity to witness for Jesus Christ. I have also learned that no matter in what circumstances I find myself, I can be content.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers on my behalf, and also express my appreciation for the cards, letters and other expressions of thoughtfulness and kindness. They did much to cheer me.

May this New Year bring each of you peace and joy in service to our Lord, and may your blessings be manifold.

Katherine Legare

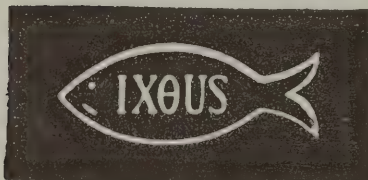
LEADERSHIP LAB SCHOOL

The annual Leadership Lab School for Alaska will be held at Haines Presbyterian Church, May 24-30, 1959. Information on the courses available, the staff, and the costs will be sent to each church soon.

Every church session should consider ways and means to have as many Church School Teachers attend the school as possible. With the school in southeastern Alaska this year there should be a large number of teachers from Alaska Presbytery attending. Boat transportation will be available.



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRESBYTERIAN MEN



The Sixth Western Area Meeting of the National Council of Presbyterian Men will be held in Sacramento, California, Feb. 20-22, 1959. Men's groups have said, "...nothing greater has happened in our group than having men return from the area meeting fired up and enthusiastic for a more dynamic men's group."

The Presbyterian Men of Memorial Presbyterian Church, Juneau, had a church dinner on New Year's Day to raise funds to send Mr. Peter Howard, a deacon and a member of their Presbyterian Men's Group to Sacramento. Woodland Park Church, Spenard, is raising money to send one of their men to the area meeting. Will others join them?

World Day of Prayer

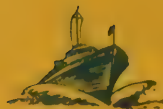
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Presbyteries of Alaska & Yukon

HAINES, ALASKA

MAY 24 - 30, 1959

The strongest staff ever assembled, the most centrally located school ever, the most reasonable cost possible....all these factors point to the largest Leadership School that we have ever held in Alaska.

Look over these courses and faculty and you will agree.....

OBSERVATION TEACHING WITH CHILDREN	YOUTH WORKSHOP FOR JR-SR HIGH LEADERS
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT METHODS
MISSIONARY EDUCATION	SOCIAL EDUCATION & ACTION STUDIES FOR ALASKA
MUSIC IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CHURCH CHOIR HELPS	
WORKING WITH ADULTS IN CLASS AND PROGRAM WORK	
WOMEN'S WORK AND PROGRAM IN THE CHURCH	

- 4 Faculty persons from the Board of Christian Education in Philadelphia:
Rev. Howard Maxwell (SEA) Miss Neva Palmeter (Missionary Ed.)
Miss Julia Totten (Children's Work) Rev. Edward Trefz (Adult Work)
- 5 Faculty persons from the Northwest:
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Manock (Salem, Ore.)
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Muir (Seattle)
Rev. James Simpson (Pasco, Washington)
- 2 Faculty persons from Alaska:
Mrs. Mayreld Swanson (Alaska Presbytery)
Mrs. Henry Hartmann (Haines)
Other Alaska leaders will share in special assignments.

<u>Costs:</u>	Registration Fee	\$10.00
	Room and Board at Haines	35.00
		<hr/> \$45.00

Transportation: Boat transportation from southeastern Alaska. Car pools will be used for persons coming from the Interior. Details of the cost of transportation will be announced later.

ACTION NEEDED NOW.... Specific planning should be done by each church NOW for a select number of leaders or potential leaders to attend the School. Every church should have persons attending this excellent school.

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THE ALASKA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The newly organized Alaska Council of Churches got off to a good start at Anchorage, Feb. 3-5. The change in name and a wider voting membership were adopted. Representing the United Presbyterian Church were: Rev. Joseph Heckel, Fairbanks, Mrs. J. Alden Williams, Anchorage, Mr. Wilbur Plett, Spenard, Miss Isabel Miller, Juneau, Rev. Robert VanNest, Craig, Dr. R. R. Armstrong, Sitka, and Rev. Brian Cleworth, Juneau.

Resolutions adopted by the Council dealt with: The need for high schools in native villages, Practical Nursing School, Training of local government persons, Aid to Dependent Children, Health and Welfare Programs for children, Legalized Gambling, Adoption Code, Divorce Laws, Juvenile Facility, Mental Health Hospital, Liquor Control, and Foster Home Care grants. Copies of the resolutions were distributed to all delegates and delivered to each member of the legislature. Persons wishing copies of these resolutions may get them from Rev. Cleworth

Eleven denominations were represented in the 3 day meeting. New officers of Council are: Rev. Fred McGinnis (Supt. of Methodist Work) President, Rev. Brian Cleworth, Vice President, Rev. David Blackburn (Pastor of Anchor Park Methodist Church, Anchorage) Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. R. R. Armstrong is chairman of the Social Relations Committee and Rev. Malcolm Miner chairman of the Finance Committee.

We rejoice in the accomplishments of this new Council and the vigorous program undertaken for cooperative planning, social education and action, and a better understanding of the work of other denominations.

SYNOD COUNCIL DISCUSSES ALASKAN RELATIONSHIPS

Dr. Jackman and Rev. Cleworth attended the Synod of Washington Council meeting Feb. 27th in Seattle. The relationship of the Alaska presbyteries with the Synod were discussed at length. Dr. C.E. Polhemus, Synod Executive, Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary for Work in Alaska, and Rev. Brian Cleworth, Asst. Secy., spoke on the historical and present day relationships and needs of the Alaska work. Following a general discussion which witnessed real concern by the Council for the Alaska presbyteries and a genuine interest in strengthening the relationship, the Council voted to send the stated clerk, Rev. Philip Walborn with Dr. Polhemus on his visit to Alaska for spring presbytery meetings. They are to officially confer with both presbyteries on matters of ecclesiastical relationships with Synod.

The next day Dr. Jackman and Rev. Cleworth met with the Synod Staff and explored ways in which the Synod staff and the Board of National Missions can serve the Alaska presbyteries in close cooperation.

Both meetings emphasized the new awareness on the part of the Synod concerning Alaska and the desire of those in the administration of National Missions work to work cooperatively for the advancement of our church in Alaska.

KAKE CHURCH VIEWS PLAYS

A church without a pastor usually has trouble keeping a vital program going. However, the Kake Presbyterian Church is experiencing something new in service to their church while they are without a resident pastor. A program has been instituted in which Rev. Richard Stussi, evangelist on the Princeton-Hall, and the gospel teams from Sheldon Jackson School visit Kake twice a month. The other services and the Church School are being carried on by the elders of the church.

The visits of the S.J. teams have proved interesting and challenging experiences for both the students and for Kake. Last weekend the gospel team and seven other young people arrived in Kake on Saturday afternoon on the SJS II. Saturday evening they presented 2 one act plays in the ANB Hall. On Sunday services were held both morning and evening. On Monday they sailed to Angoon and presented the plays there before returning to Sitka early Tuesday morning.

MODERATOR'S CONFERENCE

Our United Presbyterian Task in Unity for Mission



Three representatives from Alaska attended the Moderator's Conference in Sacramento, California, Feb. 17-19. Rev. Joseph Heckel of Yukon Presbytery, Dr. Walter Soboleff of Alaska, and Rev. Brian Cleworth.

The giving of the United Presbyterian Church during 1958 for the General Mission budget was \$21,298,715 which is a 7.78 percent increase in giving over 1957. This amount fell short of the 12.30 percent increase that the churches indicated they would do in their self-allocation reports early in 1958.

How did we in Alaska do in comparison with the south 48? Here are the figures:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY GENERAL MISSION GIVING IN 1958 COMPARED WITH 1957

PRESBYTERY	1958	1957	INCREASE OR DECREASE*	% OF INCREASE OR DECREASE*	1958 SELF-ALLOCATED EXPECTATIONS
Alaska	\$ 11,224	\$ 12,301	\$ 1,077*	8.76*	32.22
Yukon	\$ 21,686	\$ 17,398	\$ 4,288	24.65	32.86

Alaska Presbytery fell far short of their self-allocated increase of 32.22% for 1958. In fact, they ended up with a decrease of 8.76%. Every church in Alaska Presbytery ought to give very carefull and prayerfull attention to the above facts and ask themselves why they fell so far short of their own goals.

Yukon Presbytery showed an excellent increase in giving but missed their own self-allocated amount by 8% but reached their dollar amount of increase almost on the head. (See the chart on the next page)

A three year comparison of progress shows a sporadic advance, then a decrease, then advance for Alaska Presbytery. This indicates a lack of real study and planning by local churches as they make up their budgets each year. Planning realistically the amount we are to give to the General Mission budget is just as important as what we will budget for current expenses.

3 YEAR COMPARISON OF GIVING TO THE GENERAL MISSION BUDGET

PRESBYTERY	1956		1957		1958	
	ACTUAL GIVING	%OF INCREASE OR DECREASE*	ACTUAL GIVING	%OF INCREASE OR DECREASE*	ACTUAL GIVING	%OF INCREASE OR DECREASE*
Alaska	\$ 9563	10.69*	\$ 12,301	28.63	\$ 11,224	8.76*
Yukon	\$ 15,855	35.93	\$ 17,398	9.73	\$ 21,686	24.65

This year each presbytery is to hold a Presbytery Conference on the theme, "The Church in Mission." The 1960 "Jubilee Year" General Mission and Long Range Program of the Church will be presented and interpreted to every pastor and church officer present. Tentative plans for Presbytery Conferences will be announced soon by the Stewardship and Promotion committees of the presbyteries.

THE GIVING OF CHURCHES TO THE GENERAL MISSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CHURCH	ACTUAL GIVING TO GEN. MISSION OF G. A. IN 1957	ACTUAL GIVING TO GEN. MISSION OF G. A. IN 1958	ACCEPTED SELF- ALLOCATED SHARE FOR 1958	ACCEPTED SELF- ALLOCATED SHARE FOR 1959
<u>ALASKA PRESBYTERY</u>				
Angeon	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50
Auke Bay	472	1115	750	739
Craig	408	274	500	500
Haines	1500	1672	1500	1700
Hoonah	3	60	-	133
Hydaburg	69	30	200	200
Juneau Memorial	265	478	500	630
Juneau, No. Light	2200	750	3000	3000
Lake	56	60	100	100
Ketchikan	462	494	550	715
Klawock	-	50	50	50
Klukwan	189	300	300	300
Metlakatla	300	300	700	-
Petersburg	202	250	250	458
Sitka	4000	3300	5000	6000
Skagway	1140	998	1570	1860
Wrangell	766	902	1000	875
Yakutat	163	118	185	25
TOTAL	\$12,301	\$11,224	\$16,155	\$17,335
<u>YUKON PRESBYTERY</u>				
Anchorage, First	5950	6568	6500	7700
Faith	1268	1379	1722	2081
Hillcrest	50	150	-	250
Barrow	1058	1475	-	1400
Big Delta	150	318	300	300
College	1202	1511	1600	1600
Fairbanks, First	4478	5820	6890	6000
Healy Fork	100	100	-	100
Palmer	1500	1559	1400	1500
St. Lawr. Isl.				
Gambell	184	208	-	240
Savoonga	111	141	-	140
Spenard, Woodl. Pk	573	1755	2200	2000
Wainwright	516	407	750	908
Wasilla	258	163	250	200
TOTAL	\$17,398	\$21,686	\$21,612	\$24,419

DOCTOR CLIFFORD EARLE VISITS ALASKA

On invitation of the Social Education and Action Committees of both presbyteries and the urgent request of the Alaska Council of Churches, Dr. Clifford Earle, Secretary of our Social Education and Action Department, visited Alaska in late February. Meetings were set up by Dr. Armstrong in Ketchikan, Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Juneau. Dr. Earle met with church, government, and civic leaders across Alaska to discuss a philosophy, a pattern and a plan of action for our Alaska churches as we face many social issues in our new state government.

After Dr. Earle had met with groups across Alaska, a meeting in Juneau of the Executive Committee of the Alaska Council of Churches, together with the Alaska Presbytery SEA committee and local church leaders, summed up the findings. In the field of legislation, it was decided not to hire a lobbyist in the legislature. Individual leaders can accomplish more by alerting the home folks who in turn write or talk with their elected officials. The churches were counselled to work with their laymen who know their way in the fields of concern facing the churches. The church should push hard to get other forces moving in the field of legislation and work with them as our allies.

Specific legislation is needed for an adequate liquor law. Such legislation is to be presented to the legislature this session. However, with a very heavy load of organizational legislation facing the legislature it is doubtful if any consideration will be given a liquor bill at this first session.

Dr. Earle summed up his visit by saying that he had not come to Alaska to make a speech. "I saw right away that was not necessary. The creative process of concerned people thinking and acting together and transmitting their concern to others in places of responsibility is the finest possible approach to good legislation." Dr. Earle continued, "The Christian Community should not urge upon society some belief or dogma that is peculiar to that one group. We should function in the area of moral judgement to bring about a "public philosophy."

The Alaska Council of Churches is compiling the findings of Dr. Earle's visit and will publish them under the theme of a strategy for the church and legislation.

CHURCH OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM



The Church Officer Training Program of the United Presbyterian Church will launch into its third and final year at spring presbytery meetings.

Concentrating on "The Nurture Of The Church," pastors will be prepared to guide church officers in a consideration of fundamental questions as to what constitutes a sound program for the local church.

As in former years, three pamphlets will be provided for distribution to church officers. They are intended to be provocative, not answering officers questions but prodding their thinking and providing background, information and ideas that will prepare them to participate in discussion. Among the subjects to be used for discussion among church officers are the following: "The Church's Task"; "Converting Men To Christ"; "The Church's Corporate Action"; "The Mission of This Church"; and "Organizing Our Church For Its Task."

Themes for the first two years of the Church Officer Training Program were, "The Nature Of The Church", and, "The Order Of The Church."



NEWS of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in ALASKA

ALASKA PRESBYTERY The Ketchikan Church (REV. PAUL MOSER) is looking over drawings for their new church. Mr. Linn Forrest of Juneau is the architect hired by the church. It is hoped that work can get under way this summer on the new church....The Metlakatla Church (MR. HENRY FAWCETT, LAY WORKER) has invited Rev. Gary Demarest, Executive Sec. of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, to be the speaker for a week of evangelism beginning Easter Sunday.....REV. AND MRS. BILL ZEIGER of the Anna Jackman, announce the arrival of their first child, David William, born January 23 in Petersburg.....The Voice of Sheldon Jackson, Inc., operators of station KSEW, held their annual meeting in Sitka, March 17-18. Station programming, future plans, staff, and station power were items discussed by the directors. The directors are: Rev. Brian Cleworth, Mr. Robert Wells, and Dr. Malcolm Sweet of Juneau. Mr. Leslie Yaw and Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong of Sitka. Mr. John Groller, Secretary of Broadcasting of the Board of National Missions was present from New York.

YUKON PRESBYTERY REV. JOHN CHAMBERS of Barrow made the headlines when he made an emergency landing 15 miles s.w. of Umiat on March 9. Elder Jesse Ahgook of the Anaktuvuk Church was with John at the time. The cause of the landing was a blown cylinder. Both men were picked up the following day and the plane was towed to Umiat.....REV. AND MRS. JOHN STOKES, College, are the proud parents of a son, John Fredrick, born February 27 in Fairbanks....The young people of Woodland Park Church in Spenard, (REV. RALPH WEEKS) have provided a literature rack in the lobby of Anchorage International Airport. The rack is supplied with gospel portions in the languages of the people who stop briefly at Anchorage on International flights - Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Swedish, French, Dutch, and other languages. What a surprise for a person coming from one of these countries to find the Scriptures in their own language at an Alaska air-terminal! The young people of the Spenard Church are to be congratulated for this excellent project of propagating the gospel.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COMING SPRING PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

ALASKA PRESBYTERY Meeting at Skagway, April 8 - 13

Devotional Leader: Rev. Brown Milne, Presbyterian Church, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Apr. 9-10 Church Officer Training for ministers.

Church Officers Institute for Church Officers present

Dr. C.E. Polhemus and Rev. Philip Walborn discuss Synod relationships.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, evening speaker.

April 11 Trip to Lake Bennett on White Pass and Yukon Railroad

Evening: Concert by Haines Presbyterian Church choirs

April 12 Morning Service: Sermon by the Moderator

Evening Service: Miss Rachel Benfer

April 13 Communion Service. Rev. Bert J. Bingle, preacher.

YUKON PRESBYTERY Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, April 14-19

Apr. 14-15 Church Officer Training for ministers

"Festival of Faith"- Interdenominational gatherings on both evenings in the Municipal Auditorium with delegates from other denominational groups who are meeting in Anchorage at the same time.

Apr. 16 Evening speaker Miss Rachel Benfer

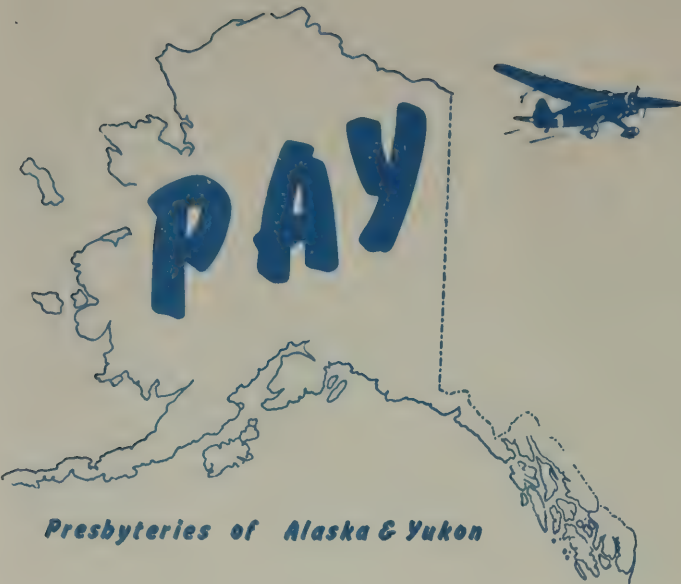
Apr. 17 Dr. Polhemus and Rev. Walborn discuss Synod relationships

Presbytery Banquet featuring reports of National Missions fields.

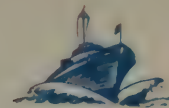
Apr. 19 Visiting ministers preach in Anchorage Churches in morning

Afternoon - closing Communion Service

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MAY 1959

PRESBYTERIAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

HAINES, ALASKA May 24 - 30

This will undoubtedly be the best school we have every held in Alaska. The very excellent staff, the variety of subjects and classes, the central location....all assure us of a truly fine school.

Registration blanks and descriptive leaflets are in every pastor's hands. Please urge church school teachers, church officers, potential teachers and leaders of youth and adults to attend. Pastors, too, should attend if at all possible.

NOTE that the scope of the School is for all leaders, not just church school teachers. Here are some of the courses that will interest Elders, Deacons, Christian Education Committee members, Youth and Adult Group leaders....

WORKING WITH ADULTS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

PRESBYTERIANS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DEVELOPING LEADERS FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

MISSIONARY EDUCATION THEME STUDIES

COUPLES CLUBS, THEIR FORMATION AND PROGRAM

SOCIAL EDUCATION AND ACTION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

MUSIC IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR THE SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

HOW TO DIRECT CHURCH CHOIRS

OBSERVATION SECTION IN PRE-SCHOOL, PRIMARY AND JUNIOR DEPARTMENTS

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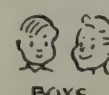
FAMILY



CHORUS



GIRLS



BOYS

WOODLAND PARK CHURCH CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The congregation of the Woodland Park Church, Spenard, gathered on April 26th to celebrate their Tenth Anniversary with a large banquet. The church, begun 10 years ago with 18 charter members by Dr. Armstrong and Rev. Koschmann, now has 211 members.

The anniversary program featured many interesting events in the history of the church and was highlighted by a message from Dr. Armstrong who was the honored guest.

The pastor and congregation are to be congratulated on their excellent progress and growth in these ten years. The growing area in which the church is situated will continue to challenge the dedication and stewardship of all of you in order that you may effectively minister to the needs of the community around you.

Diary of a Demon

To: *Chief of Demons*

From: *Division of Missionary Harassment*

Subject: *The Furlough of Rev. Joe Missionary*

You will recall my recent assignment to accompany Rev. Joe Missionary, just home from Asia, on his deputation ministry throughout the United States. Your words, and I quote, were: "You are to see to it that Rev. Joe Missionary is so harassed, confused and discouraged in the course of his ministry at home that he will be in no shape to return to the field."

I am happy to report that the mission seems to have been accomplished. The missionary is considering returning to the secular employment that he followed back in the days before he went to college and seminary and then on to the mission field.

Honesty compels me to report, however, that I could not have successfully completed this mission without the complete (albeit unintentional) cooperation of the churches which he visited. (A great deal of credit, too, must be given to the deputation director of his mission, who saw to it that the missionary began his deputation work immediately upon his return home, that he was forced to travel constantly, and was under heavy pressure to bring in funds above and beyond his travel expenses.)

To illustrate, let me share with you the following excerpts from my diary for the past few weeks:

January 15—Joe Missionary came down the gangplank looking pale and drawn. His furlough was several years overdue, and his fatigue was obvious. I was about to open my attack as outlined in the *Demon's Handbook for Missionary Harassment*, but found it unnecessary. As soon as he was ashore, he was handed a yellow sheet of paper. It was a lengthy telegram, instructing him to proceed at once to a missionary conference in Dubuque rather than to go first to his home in Walla Walla as he had planned. Things have begun well. . . .

January 21—Subject did get a long weekend at home, but now we are off again. Yesterday he spoke seven times: two church services, Sunday school class, radio program, afternoon mission group meeting, youth group, at an after-church sing. Don't think he felt much like sing-

ing. He hasn't complained yet, but I can see we are proceeding according to schedule.

January 28—Joe Missionary preached tonight at largest church here in Springfield. After church, the man was "paid"—with a hearty handshake and an enthusiastic "You'll get your reward on the other side!" I'm getting lots of help. . . .

February 3—Still on road. . . . After service tonight, (the pastor was away), everyone shook hands with subject, told him what a wonderful message he had brought—and then went home. Custodian forgot pastor was away and didn't show up. Mr. Missionary figured out how to turn off the lights and lock the church, and then walked to the bus station. Must admit I'm getting lots of help from these churches in my program of attrition.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Read this with care and caution, please, remembering all the time what it is: the fictional diary of a fledgling demon assigned to the task of "sabotaging" the furlough of hypothetical "Mr. Missionary."



February 10—Got a big assist tonight. Before evening service here in Greenfield, subject had dinner with chairman of the board of deacons. At table, host said he didn't mean to be rude, but he couldn't see any sense in sending good American money overseas for missionary work among "people who don't appreciate it anyway." Asked Mr. Missionary how many converts he had last year. When subject answered ten, deacon said, "Humph! We had that many new people in Sunday school last week, and it didn't take any year's work or lots of money to get 'em!" Mr. Missionary

started to tell him that these were the first ten converts ever made on his field, but finally just sighed and gave up. . . .

February 17—Subject was speaker at a youth rally. After 36 preliminary events, including sign-language quiz and performance by blindfolded marimbist, M.C. turned to Mr. Missionary and said, "Sorry, you'll only be able to speak for ten minutes. We promised we'd be through by 9:30. . . ."

February 20—This was a good day—for me, not for subject! He spoke this afternoon at a ladies' missionary society. Lady in charge said, "Now we'll have our special speaker, a Mr.—Mr. . . . well, I've forgotten his name but he's from India . . . or is it South America?" Subject was visibly disturbed. This job, Dear Diary, gets easier all the time! . . .

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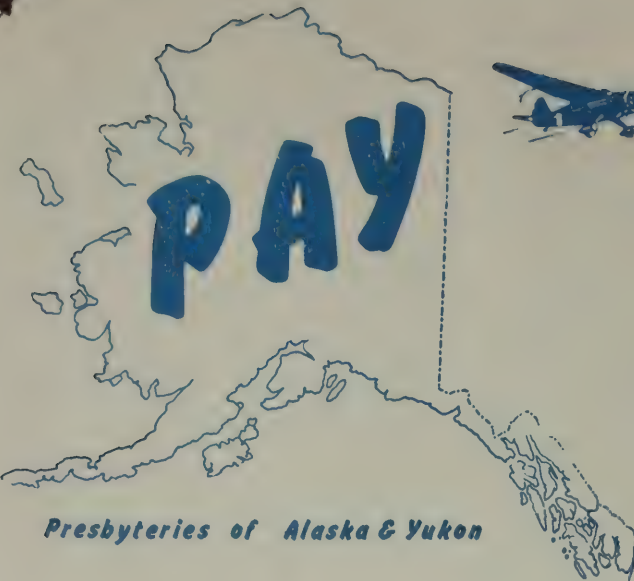
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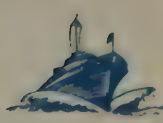
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Registration blanks and descriptive leaflets are in every pastor's hands. Please urge church school teachers, church officers, potential teachers and leaders of youth and adults to attend. Pastors, too, should attend if at all possible.

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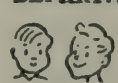
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The congregation of the Woodland Park Church, Spenard, gathered on April 26th to celebrate their Tenth Anniversary with a large banquet. The church, begun 10 years ago with 18 charter members by Dr. Armstrong and Rev. Koschmann, now has 211 members.

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Diary of a Demon

To: *Chief of Demons*

From: *Division of Missionary Harassment*

Subject: *The Furlough of Rev. Joe Missionary*

You will recall my recent assignment to accompany Rev. Joe Missionary, just home from Asia, on his deputation ministry throughout the United States. Your words, and I quote, were: "You are to see to it that Rev. Joe Missionary is so harassed, confused and discouraged in the course of his ministry at home that he will be in no shape to return to the field."

I am happy to report that the mission seems to have been accomplished. The missionary is considering returning to the secular employment that he followed back in the days before he went to college and seminary and then on to the mission field.

Honesty compels me to report, however, that I could not have successfully completed this mission without the complete (albeit unintentional) cooperation of the churches which he visited. (A great deal of credit, too, must be given to the deputation director of his mission, who saw to it that the missionary began his deputation work immediately upon his return home, that he was forced to travel constantly, and was under heavy pressure to bring in funds above and beyond his travel expenses.)

To illustrate, let me share with you the following excerpts from my diary for the past few weeks:

January 15—Joe Missionary came down the gangplank looking pale and drawn. His furlough was several years overdue, and his fatigue was obvious. I was about to open my attack as outlined in the *Demon's Handbook for Missionary Harassment*, but found it unnecessary. As soon as he was ashore, he was handed a yellow sheet of paper. It was a lengthy telegram, instructing him to proceed at once to a missionary conference in Dubuque rather than to go first to his home in Walla Walla as he had planned. Things have begun well. . . .

January 21—Subject did get a long weekend at home, but now we are off again. Yesterday he spoke seven times: two church services, Sunday school class, radio program, afternoon mission group meeting, youth group, at an after-church sing. Don't think he felt much like sing-

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started to tell him that these were the first ten converts ever made on his field, but finally just sighed and gave up. . . .

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